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Dr. Basden To Speak
On Miss. Radio Hour



DR. HAROLD G. BASDEN

Dr. Harold G. Basden, pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour during the month of June.

He will be heard over the following stations; at 8 a. m. over WHBQ, Memphis; WRBC, Jackson; WRJW, Picayune; at 2 p. m. over WSLI, Jackson, and at 9 a. m. over WLOX, Biloxi and WROB, West Point.

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Charges Protestants Being Persecuted In Colombia

New York—(RNS)—A charge that Protestants are being persecuted in Colombia, South America, by groups representing the "reactionary" Conservative Party which he alleged to be identified with the Roman Catholic Church was made in a letter to the State Department and the U. S. Senate by an official of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Daniel M. Pattison, treasurer-elect of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, who recently returned from a trip to South America, made the charge.

"It has been proved," Mr. Pattison said, "that most of the persecution has been carried on by the local officials and the police and not by the local population. In all their efforts, however, the local officials have the enthusiastic support and prodding of the local priests."

"Therefore a change will only come either through an internal uprising and overthrow of the present regime or by the pressure of world opinion. For this reason it is felt that the American public should be informed of the persecution being suffered by the Protestants and liberals in Colombia and also of the part which is being taken by the Roman Catholic Church in the suppression of liberty and democratic principles in Columbia."

Northern Convention Renamed American Baptist Convention

ELECT E. H. PRUDEN PRESIDENT; R. E. NELSON, SEC'Y.

Boston, Mass., May 26—(BP)—The Northern Baptist Convention shall hereafter be known as the American Baptist Convention. The change was explained by Dr. E. T. Dahlberg, chairman of the Commission on Review, that make the recommendation as consistent with a century-old pattern used in the naming of its agencies. Oldest of the agencies societies is the American Baptist Publication Society, organized in 1821.

Many Mississippians Have Program Parts At SB Convention

While the program committee of the recent Southern Baptist Convention at Chicago seemed stingy in allowing parts to Mississippians, Magnolia state men had many leading roles in that historic meeting. Below we give a partial list of the sons of Mississippi who took part in its deliberations. Some of them live in Mississippi, others are Mississippians who live in other states.

Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins made the report for the Committee on Church Organizations; Dr. T. L. Holcomb was in charge of the presentation of the Sunday School Board report; Dr. J. H. Jackson, spoke at the Evangelistic service on Friday night; Dr. Charles D. Johnson presented the report of the Education Commission.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence was in charge of the report of the Home Mission Board; Dr. Ronald Q. Leavell made the report for the New Orleans Seminary! Dr. Duke K. McCall had charge

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As it had been the purpose of the founding fathers for the Convention to be American in scope, Dr. Dahlberg said that the Commission felt the name "American" should be assumed before some minority group usurped it.

The Convention voted to have a new general secretary to take the place of the former recording and corresponding secretaries. The new officer will be elected by the General Council. The General Council is a body that roughly corresponds to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, except that its province doesn't include budget and stewardship promotion. The general secretary will have responsibilities similar to those of the executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee, an office that had not existed in Northern Baptist life heretofore.

Dr. Edward H. Pruden, Washington, D. C., was elected president of the newly named American Baptist Convention. In seconding his nomination Dr. Maurice Trimmer of West Virginia said, "He is a Christian who feels that it is possible to cooperate with world Christianity without repudiating his Baptist convictions." The new president

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Mississippi College Awards 288 Degrees

Ohrn Warns Against Hate

Clinton, May 29—Mississippi College conferred 288 degrees, six honorary degrees, and awarded 19 medals and scholarships at ceremonies at Robinson Stadium late Monday afternoon.

The graduation exercises climaxed the commencement activities of the 124-year-old college and marked the 100th year that the school had been under direct Baptist control.

Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, of Norway and Washington, D. C., secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, who received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, delivered the baccalaureate address.

Dr. R. Paul Caudill, of Memphis, who delivered the commencement sermon Sunday, also received the "Doctor of Divinity degree. Dr. Caudill, an outstanding Baptist leader, is pastor of the First Baptist Church in Memphis.

The Doctor of Laws honorary degree was conferred on four men; Dr.

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Shown above are the six men who were awarded honorary degrees at Mississippi College graduation exercises Monday afternoon, May 29. They are left to right: M. P. L. Berry, Clinton, L. L. D.; R. Paul Caudill, Memphis, D. D.; Arnold T. Ohrn, Norway and Washington, D. C., D.D.; Dr. D. M. Nelson, president of the college, who awarded the degrees; Charles D. Johnson, Waco, Texas, L.L.D.; Christopher Longest, Oxford, L.L.D.; George R. Stephenson, Gulfport, L.L.D. (Photo by Cliff Bingham, Clarion-Ledger Staff Photographer).

NORTHERN CONVENTION RENAMED

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dent was enthusiastically received. He said that while his interests extended beyond the Northern Baptist Convention he was certainly in accord with the fellowship and purposes of the convention.

Dr. Reuben E. Nelson, New York City, was elected to the new office of the General Council. He will serve as "representative of Northern (American) Baptists to personify them to the world." In his acceptance speech he said, "Northern (American) Baptists are going through the maturing processes that are difficult for all of us. We have a great faith in Baptist democracy. Somehow the Holy Spirit will lead us to the things He wants us to do."

Attendance at the Convention reached an all-time high with a total of 11,820, of which 3,625 were delegates, and the rest visitors.

The Baptist Convention of Arizona was dropped as a constituent body because it had ceased to cooperate with the Northern Convention. Thirty-eight churches were involved. The remaining twenty-four, friendly to the Northern Baptist Convention, will continue to be listed in the official roster. The Arizona Convention is understood to have turned its support to the conservative Baptist group.

The Commission on Review said that three states had begun withholding money for their own use, a practice, if continued, that would destroy the Northern Baptist Convention mission program. Unlike Southern Baptist procedure, all money contributed by the churches to the states is considered to belong to the whole Convention. The state programs are items of the budget of the Northern Baptist Convention.

The two foreign mission societies and two home mission societies of the Convention were asked to explore the possibilities of uniting to form one foreign society and one home society. Northern Baptist women have maintained separate societies for home and foreign missions.

The Baptist World Alliance was asked to provide a regional section for its constituent bodies in America similar to that which it has in Europe.

Four steps taken were interpreted by some observers to mean that the affairs of Northern Baptists were being delivered more into the hands of the churches.

1. A referendum was established providing that churches of the Northern Baptist Convention may be asked by questionnaire to express their opinion on major matters.

2. Control of the Crusader, monthly newsmagazine, was passed from the general council to the Convention.

3. Control of the Council on Social Progress was passed from the General Council to the Convention.

4. The Convention preacher will hereafter be selected by the Convention and not by the general council.

A definite evangelistic spirit was noted on the opening day of the convention. Dr. Theodor Chastain, Phoenix, Ariz., preacher of the convention sermon, said, "The gospel is today in danger from only one source: if we do not proclaim it, it cannot save men."

Wooten To Jupiter



REV. R. G. WOOTEN

Rev. R. G. Wooten has been called as pastor of Jupiter Church in Simpson county. Mr. Wooten is a Junior in Mississippi College. He succeeds Rev. M. J. Hemby who resigned to accept other work.

Revival services are being held each night this week.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING

UNION ATTENDANCE

May 28, 1950		
Jackson, Davis, Memorial	408	272
Baptist Orphanage	147	47
Jackson, Northside	517	122
Jackson, Elraine	125	87
Jackson, Southside	312	120
Jackson, Van Winkle	413	255
Jackson, Calvary	1,315	278
Calvary Mission	11	23
Jackson, First	1,375	402
Glading (Amite County)	56	40
East Side (Rankin County)	132	60
Paynes	182	88
East Louisville	72	54
Laurel, Second Avenue	454	133
Pascagoula, First	668	239
Eastlawn Mission	63	37
McArthur Mission	33	
Unity Mission	58	47
Jackson Ave. Mission	26	
Calvary (Amite County)	110	103
Meridian, First	806	100
Meridian, 15th Ave.	560	163
Meridian, Highland	501	159
Meridian, Poplar Springs		
Drive	290	117
Mission	28	
Meridian, 41st Ave.	263	112
Meridian, South Side	337	133
Meridian, Oakland Heights	152	70
Bunker Hill (Marion County)	255	179
Wheeler	94	64
Long Creek (Lauderdale County)	77	74
Bethlehem (Jones County)	158	85
Paul Truitt (Rankin County)	183	112
Laurel, First	592	138
Friendship (Lincoln County)	99	75
Crystal Springs	649	201
Lucedale	331	110
Rocky Creek (George County)	226	112
Oloah (Lamar County)	89	91
Wallerville	119	85
Houlka (Chickasaw County)	97	38
Hebron (Jones County)	97	97
Goss	129	116
Siloam	76	76
Sharon, First	110	102
East Moss Point	262	101
Columbus, First	957	276
Kosciusko, First	651	186
Center (Union County)	148	61
West Laurel	452	106
Corinth, Tate Street	349	103
Grenada, First	644	98
Bethlehem (Scott County)	115	97
Union Chapel	45	38
West Corinth	192	81

May 21, 1950		
Glading (Amite County)	36	34
Hebron (Jones County)	91	74
Sardis	243	113
McComb, First	438	152
Grenada, First	543	100
DeLay	34	30

THE BAPTIST RECORD APPRECIATES a nice list of subscriptions from Mt. Zion Church, Leake county. The list was sent by G. E. Gunter of Walnut Grove.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS

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grown in number of churches to 27,285 with a membership of 6,761,265. These churches have a property value of \$548,261,564 and their total contributions to their local work in 1949 amounted to \$147,020,489 and to missions and benevolences \$31,316,818.

The total population of the territory included in the Southern Baptist Convention is approximately 68,146,000, according to Porter Routh, statistical secretary of the Sunday School Board. Of this number some 35,776,650 are affiliated with some religious group; approximately 10,589,888 being Baptists, white and colored. It is conservatively estimated that there are at least 32,369,350 of all ages and races in the Southern Baptist Convention territory who are unchurched. Approximately 26,219,174 of these are white.

Agencies of the Convention

At the initial Convention in 1845 plans were laid for the immediate establishment of Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions, located respectively at Richmond, Virginia, and Marion, Alabama. Later the term "Domestic Missions" was changed to "Home Missions," and the headquarters of the Board moved to Atlanta, Georgia. In the course of the years the following other agencies, commissions, and committees have been added by the Convention through which it seeks to carry out its worldwide, divinely given task of preaching, teaching, and healing: Executive Committee, Sunday School Board, Relief and Annuity Board, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, American Baptist Theological Seminary (negro), Southern Baptist Foundation, Southern Baptist Hospital, Woman's Missionary Union Training School, Education Commission, Historical Society, Radio Commission, Social Service Commission, Public Relations Committee, Baptist Brotherhood of the South, and Woman's Missionary Union.

This Convention is not a law making body, neither does it have the right to interfere with the autonomy of a single Baptist church within its bounds. Each church is a spiritual democracy and governs itself. The Convention is made up of individual members, male and female, that have

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE AWARDS

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George Stephenson, Gulfport, and Episcopal minister; M. P. L. Berry, Clinton, member of the administrative staff of the college; Dr. Christopher Longest, professor of Modern Languages, University of Mississippi; C. D. Johnson, professor of sociology, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

Dr. Ohrn, former professor in the Norwegian Baptist Theological Seminary and the University of Oslo, opened his address with a description of Norway before the Nazi invasion.

He recalled the announcement which told of the invasion even after Nazi promises that Norway would be left alone.

He called for more prevalent tendencies which help people to get along with each other, using the scripture, "Deliver us from evil." Dr. Ohrn asked for a "bandishment of hate" if a likeness of Christ is to prevail.

MANY MISSISSIPPIANS HAVE

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of the report of the Executive Committee; Dr. Merrill D. Moore presented the report on Promotion; Dr. Slatner A. Murphy led one of the devotional services; Dr. D. M. Nelson, Jr. led one of the devotional services.

A. L. Goodrich was in charge of the report on the state papers; Dr. E. N. Wilkinson conducted the devotional service at the beginning of the Evangelistic Service on Friday night; Rev. J. C. McRae spoke on the Foreign Mission program; Dr. W. Landon Miller spoke at the Pastors' Conference and served on the Committee on Committees; Dr. E. D. Solomon made a motion to elect Dr. R. G. Lee as president by a unanimous vote.

Although not having a part on the Convention program, Rev. M. E. Hurlburt was honored for having reached the ripe age of 94.

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ON MOTHER'S DAY THERE WERE three entire generations of one family present in the morning service of the Paynes Church. Pastor and Mrs. C. L. Bolland gave flowers to the oldest and youngest mothers present and to the mother present with the largest number of children present. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Champion were present with their ten children, three daughters-in-law, one son-in-law and five grandchildren.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT reports 79,569 awards for April, compared with 67,381 for April, 1949.

been selected by their churches on a basis of one messenger from each church co-operating in the work of the Convention and one additional messenger for every 250 members or for each \$250 contributed to Convention objects during the preceding year.

The registration last year in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma was 9,393.

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"Baptists Facing the Present Day" New Hebron to Have Bldg. Fund Day June 4

Upon hearing this message delivered by the gifted pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, at a recent banquet of the Fellowship Bible Class at the Northside Baptist Church, Rev. Lowrey Compere, pastor, I prevailed upon Dr. Douglas Hudgins to allow me to publish it in the Baptist Record in space ordinarily used by me.

CHESTER L. QUARLES

Men's Bible classes, such as this one, wield a tremendous influence in the Christian world. Baptists, because they are one of the greatest Sunday School denominations in the world, probably have the largest number of men regularly studying the Bible of any denomination. As one such group you are deeply concerned about the day in which we live.

What is it to be a Baptist today? There is nothing new about the subject, but there may be something different about what I am going to say. You may not agree with me, but will you be fair enough to think through these statements? I have six simple assertions to make, and I believe they are things we must do if we are to be true to our heritage and our opportunity.

First, we ought to stop bragging about what we have done and become really concerned about what we ought to be doing. Mississippians glory in the number of Baptists in the state and the constant increase in that fellowship. Indeed, our growth has been stupendous. And, the same thing is true all over our convention territory. In a score of years we have grown from about 3 1-2 million to 6 million and we are still growing. We like to recite figures, report statistics, and smugly talk of the growth of our number. We like to exchange compliments about the size of our churches, the additions to our congregations, the hundreds baptized each year, the increase in our budgets, the many new and remodeled buildings, and the growth of our organizational activities. To what avail? Too many of our people have grown complacent, casual, and contented. All the while millions in our Southland, yes, thousands in our own city seldom attend a worship service, do not belong to any church, never attend Sunday School, do not know the meaning of stewardship, and have no personal faith in Christ as Saviour. The "up and in" as well as the "down and out" are everywhere about us and we do so little to witness to them. We do so little and talk so much!

Second, we ought to shift our emphasis from quantity to quality. Too long has our emphasis been on 'numbers.' The competition in the Baptist rival congregation or the other concern. The first thing many preachers and church workers look for on Monday morning is the record of the rival congregation or the other church in the community. Our question too often is: "How many additions yesterday? How many Baptists? How much was your offering? What was the Sunday School attendance? How was the Training Union? What kind of a crowd did you have?" If additions decline in numbers, if the offerings do not increase each year, if the organizations do not constantly show increases, if the numbers do not grow, two things usually

happen.

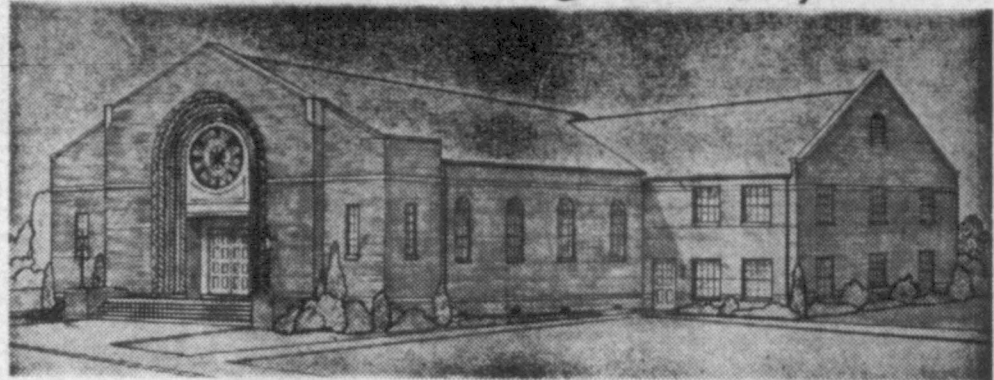
One, the pastor feels like he is falling and begins to look about for a chance to move; two, the church gradually gets dissatisfied with its leadership and through many devious routes indicates that it is time for the pastor to be aware that his wife's health is not so good, and it would be well to get to a different climate. That old country deacon was wiser than he realized when he mused, "We Baptists are a whole lot, but we ain't much." We must not stop our efforts to reach more people; but we must increase our endeavor to develop the ones we already have.

Third, we must give more thought, prayer, study, and planning to the Scriptural indoctrination of our membership. Far too many of our people are Baptists who have no idea why. Let some little breeze of heterodoxy or false teaching invade the citadel of their minds and they are "gone goss-lings." Let us never be afraid of doctrine. It is purely and simply teaching. And, Baptists take their doctrine straight from the Word of God. We must preach and teach, then, not to tickle the philosophic, social, or educational fancies of men, but to give men and women a sure basis for their Christian faith and practice.

Fourth, the laymen in our churches, and, sometimes, the preachers, too, must develop a greater acquaintance with our total Baptist work. Many deacons in our churches have no more idea what the Co-Operative Program is than they have about the Einstein theory. If asked where we have Foreign Mission work they stare at you blankly. The simplest avenues of Baptist endeavor throughout the world are unknown to many of our so-called "leading" brethren. Deacons, some of them feeling that they are "watch-dogs" of the local church's financial program, often to keep it as small as possible, have not the faintest idea of what Baptists are, or are doing, beyond the realm of the individual local church.

Maybe we preachers are to blame. Very few laymen are on our denominational boards, agencies, and general organizations. The District Association usually is attended by the preachers and a few women; very few men from our congregations. We have missed the boat somewhere, but we must lead our laymen to become acquainted with and participate in our co-operative denominational endeavor.

Fifth, and here you may disagree violently with me, I believe we must begin immediately to give more attention to the cause of missions here in our own land or we may not be able to do anything on the foreign field. Indeed, if we Baptists are not missionary FACTORS here in the homeland, we will not be a missionary FORCE in other countries. The truth is that many doors now are CLOSED to us. One day, we pray God, they will open again, but if we have not been true to our task here how can God trust us there? I believe in Foreign Missions just as much as any Baptist. Check the record of the churches I have served for these 25 years and I believe the report will confirm my statement. But, "America Must Be Christian"! A great share of that responsibility is upon us as Baptists.



Shown above is the perspective drawing of the proposed building of the New Hebron Church in Lawrence County.

WILLIAM GWIN WILLIAMS

On April 27, 1950 at Greenwood Le-flore Hospital in Greenwood, William Gwin Williams of Drew passed away.

W. G., as he was familiarly and lovingly known, was born in Lincoln county 77 years ago. His early life was spent in his native county where he attended public school then at available jobs to earn money with which he later attended college. After securing a teacher's license, he taught in Lincoln county schools, and though salaries were low and the sessions short, enough money was saved to enable him to enter George Peabody College in Nashville. Here he was not only hampered through lack of funds, but additionally, by a siege of illness that almost disrupted his educational course. Through determined persistence, he held to his work and was awarded a B. A. degree.

After graduation W. G. returned to Mississippi and gave the best years of his life to the building of better schools and a better school system in his home state. He was superintendent and did outstanding work at Crystal Springs, Senatobia and Drew.

In the year 1909 W. G. was happily

Sixth, we must re-think and re-evaluate our policies on Christian Education. What right have we morally or socially to insist that our Baptist people send their children to Baptist schools and colleges and then not provide them with the kind and class of curriculum and teaching ability that they can get in our state schools for far less money? How can we expect our denominational institutions to continue to attract students with inadequate facilities, sub-standard curricula, meager teaching staffs, poor libraries and scientific equipment, and the constant fear of black-listing on the part of accrediting agencies?

And, do we dare to maintain denominational institutions with Christian funds and solicited contributions whose general campus and academic atmosphere is the antithesis of spiritual idealism?

Our Baptist colleges and universities ought to do everything our state and private schools are PLUS a virile, sincere, positive, happy Christian atmosphere.

If there were time I would like to add a seventh. That would be a constant watch in the matter of the separation of church and state. Some of us may live to see the time when it will cause physical hardship and severe regimentation to maintain such a principle. Statism, socialism, communism or what not, are all in violation of that sacred Baptist tenet. Let every Christian, especially every Baptist, constantly be on guard at this vital point.

To be a Baptist today is a great privilege. But, it is likewise a tremendous responsibility. Have we the courage to face up to our new day?

New Hebron Church will have special services on Sunday, June 4. Offerings on that day will be added to the Building Fund. Plans for the proposed building have been drawn by Arthur Lutrick, Jackson, and have been approved by the church.

Those serving on the building committee: Clyde Dampeer, chairman; Roy A. Berry, George W. Shivers, E. D. Waltman, and Noel Land. This committee is assisted by an advisory committee composed of: J. E. Campbell, Sunday School Superintendent; Mrs. Clyde Dampeer, Mrs. Mims W. Berry, Mrs. J. O. Seay, Mrs. R. R. Hutchins, and Mrs. R. E. Weathersby. The pastor is Rev. J. B. Watkins.

married to a splendid Christian woman, beautiful, charming, Selina Jewel East. To this union was born a son, John William, who died at the age of eight.

Early in life W. G. gave his heart to God. From thenceforth his life was a progressive growth in Christian faith and character. Active in his church life, faithful in the performance of any duty, he lived that which he professed. In his life was found a devotion and steadfastness to his fellowman, to his church and to his God that sets the pattern for those left behind. A man of conviction he stood up courageously against the pressures of our day on every hand, especially socially and in business. W. G. lived in accord with the high ethical standards he charted for himself early in life.

He was a giant spiritually, mentally and morally, while righteousness flowed out of his life like a mighty stream. The influence he exerted and the imprint of his character will be found living on in the lives of countless numbers of those he rubbed shoulders with. A good man has lived.

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TWO ADDITIONAL VOLUMES OF commentaries on the Old Testament have been released by the Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan. They are: Barnes On The Old Testament, Job I and II, at \$3.00 each. These commentaries will be of great help to Sunday School teachers and other Bible scholars. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from the publisher.

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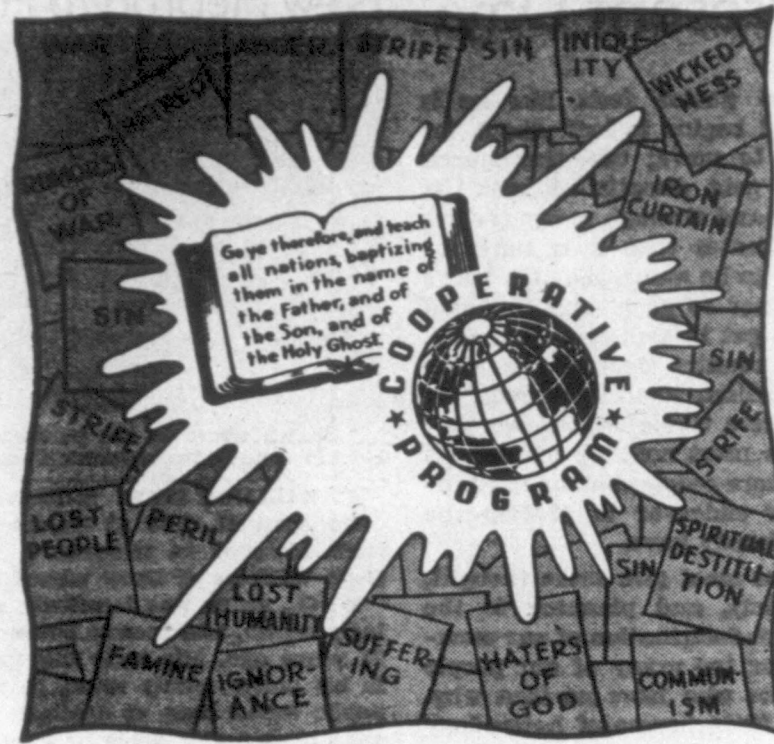
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The decision, handed down in March, in effect ordered State Auditor Carl N. Craig to honor a warrant paying architect's fee for work at Street Mercy Hospital in Vicksburg under the program. Craig had refused on grounds the hospital is operated by a religious order and granting it state money

We fervently hope that the Supreme Court will give the sug-

The Southern Baptist Convention 1950 Session in Chicago was a really great occasion. It was a good constructive Convention. The fears which so many had roused were all dissipated and none was realized. All the Baptist groups in Chicago, some eleven of them, were most gracious and hospitable. Many of them testified that the coming of Southern Baptists had been a great blessing to their local

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Cherub Choir At Calvary, Jackson, Limits Membership To 60



Shown above is the Cherub Choir of the Calvary Church, Jackson, which is directed by Mrs. W. S. Thornton. Mrs. Jack Harding is the pianist. The choir which sings either in unison or in two-part songs, is limited to 60 members of the primary age, and the director has a waiting list for membership. They sing

at the morning worship service about every six weeks. They have 33 rehearsals and appearances during the year. Nine members have perfect attendance and nine others have only one absence, and that due to illness.

HOW OTHERS SAW IT

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work. The convention demonstrated that Southern Baptists are going forward unitedly on a greater program and an ever increasing program.—Dr. M. E. Dodd in Church Chimes.

Most, if not all, of those present at the Chicago Convention will agree that it was decidedly different: different from what was expected; different certainly, from the Oklahoma City Convention a year ago.

Meeting outside the beaten path of the Convention may have had something to do with it, but not much. Southern Baptists, in their Convention, are just about the same, no matter where they meet.

The Holy Spirit's unifying power was discernible. Messengers had a mind to move together. Their sense of mission far outweighed differences in opinion. They were united on just about everything; so united, in fact, that at times and remembering previous Conventions, this one seemed almost tame.

In our opinion there were several factors contributing toward this unusual unity. Two are noticed: (1) the recent action of the Foreign Mission Board, taken on recommendation of its Executive Secretary, in voting unanimously to sever all connection with the Foreign Mission Conference of North America; and (2) the fact that many of the addresses, particularly those delivered in the early part of the Convention, stressed the importance of avoiding all entangling alliances or organic union with other denominational groups and councils. Messengers were made to understand that there is no disposition on the part of the Convention's leadership to attempt to swing the body toward organic union.

Another bit of wisdom, expressed in silence rather than by word

CONVENTION SIDELIGHTS

By DR. J. W. STORER

The first session was held on Tuesday night. It was Foreign Mission night, and people were turned away—the only time this was true during the Convention. The chairs were very uncomfortable, and after three long hours I was seated, slatted, and satiated.

An unusual feature was a sound picture "Advance in Africa," and it was indeed a moving picture.

The addresses were good, tho it was difficult to hear them. Most of all I found the brief messages of the newly appointed missionaries up-lifting. But I could not help thinking of the ratio of difference between 700 plus missionaries and 7,000,000 minus members of the Southern Baptist Convention. Looking at it that way we discover we are not as big as we brag we are.

During one session I counted the number of times the word "great" was used descriptive of our work, our churches, our Convention. Believe it or not—523 times! "Great" got so it grated.

On the speaker's desk was a warning red light which came on when the speaker was within a minute of the expiration of the time allotted him. But the brothers, and even the President, ran the red light.

The Press Club breakfast on Wednesday was a delightful affair. This was arranged for by Albert McCellan, and the representatives of both secular and denominational papers were introduced. Senator Kerr, one of the vice-presidents, was the principal speaker, and did a good job. Mayor Kennely of Chicago almost missed the boat, but did arrive in time to offer to bail out any of the

or action was the avoidance, by all, of any effort to lead the Convention to make an authoritative creedal declaration designed to govern the churches. All admit the Convention's right, if it so desires, to formulate a confession of faith FOR ITSELF; but it does not have the right to formulate a statement which the churches MUST accept. Some other religious groups have central, authoritarian bodies which hand down orders to the churches, but not Baptists. Every Baptist church ought to be a real Baptist church, and it will be if it follows the orders laid down by the Holy Spirit in the New Testament.—Editor R. T. Skinner, in the Western Recorder.

brothers who got in jail. Chicago corn—all mayors of all cities do it!

After a particularly long address one is made aware that length is one of the least important qualities which a speech can have.

Ellis Fuller was at his best, speaking to the Convention Thursday morning. And he surely did help clear the atmosphere of disputant disturbers.

Best story I heard—an old wheezer—Farmer Giles had been invited to supper by his rich Kentucky neighbor. Expecting that his journey homeward would be dark, he had taken his stable lamp. There had been a bit too much of Kentucky Derby Dew, but Giles reached home in the wee hours, safely guided by his lamp. Next morning, he received the following note from his friend: "Dear Giles—I am returning your stable lamp with bearer. Please send back my parrot and cage."

No one has any conception of the dignity of labor until he has seen President Lee presiding. Those who anticipated a riot and a ruckus about a hangover from the Oklahoma City attempt to codify the Convention can well understand what Dean Inge meant when he said, "Worry is interest paid on trouble before it falls due."

Saw a sign on a church—"Be square all week, and then be 'round on Sunday."

—BR—

THE TRUSTEES OF CLARKE MEMORIAL College meeting in a called session May 25 voted to appeal to the Mississippi Baptist Convention through the Education Commission for a campaign effort in 1951 to finish the program begun in 1947 which would relieve the emergency created by the boys' dormitory being condemned.

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH, LAUDERDALE county, will have Homecoming Day on June 4 with dinner on the grounds. Rev. O. R. Mosley, Hattiesburg, and Rev. L. T. Dyess, Meridian, both of whom are former pastors, will bring the messages. All former members and friends are invited to attend. Rev. Paul Kirke is the pastor.

PLAINVIEW, TEXAS, MAY 24—President J. W. Marshall of Wayland College said here today that he has received wide-spread support for the provision, recently approved by the trustees, that all teachers, staff members and students are to be those who do not dance, drink, gamble or smoke. He characterized his program as "a positive one which includes high academic and moral standards and a world outreach." One letter from a Baptist layman of West Texas strongly supported the stand and told of his recent decision which will mean \$100,000 for Wayland College.

THE PLACE OF RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS (\$2.50) is one of the most

controversial themes and is a matter of increasing concern. The author of the book is Virgil Henry, who is superintendent of the schools in Orland Park, Illinois. Those who are interested in this subject will want to know about the program that is set forth by Mr. Henry. Order from the publisher, Harper and Brothers, Publishers, 49 East 33rd Street, New York 16, New York, or from the Baptist Book Store.

BOSTON—(RNS)—BECAUSE 14 legislators who previously voted in favor of the measure changed their stand, a bill to legalize beano playing in Massachusetts was voted down 131 to 93 in the House of Representatives. The opponents also picked up 14 votes of members who were not recorded on the issue earlier. Charges that beano was a racket were made and denied during heated debate. The proposed law would have made it legal for licensed beano to be operated by charitable, religious and patriotic organizations. Beano was outlawed in the state in 1943 on the argument that it resulted in corruption.

DR. ROBERT G. LEE'S BOOK, THE Sinner's Saviour, (\$1.75) has been released by The Broadman Press. It contains the 13 sermons which were preached by the author on the Baptist Hour broadcast during the last three months of 1949. The sermons are somewhat shortened by time limitations, but they are full-grown and typical of Dr. Lee. Order from the Baptist Book Store.

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STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMEN

We have a challenging opportunity ahead of us! This next quarter of our WMU year is to be a time of special stewardship emphasis in study and planning and activities.

Mrs. N. A. Edmonds, state mission study chairman, has planned for us to study a stewardship book then. We are to have a choice of two books: "God's Hurry" by Dr. Duke McCall, 50 cents at Baptist Book Store. If your church or society did not study this book last fall, please do. It is a most timely study and prepared to "catch us up" to the denomination's plans in the "Advanced Program." It's good.

If you have studied "God's Hurry," then choose "The Grace of Giving" by P. E. Burroughs, 50 cents at Baptist Book Store. There is an excellent outline of each chapter which makes this an easy book to prepare to teach. Let's keep in mind that the purpose of all our stewardship studies is to lead us into a keener realization of our Christian stewardship. It isn't too early to make plans now for this study scheduled for next quarter. Work with your mission study chairman.

1. To get a teacher who is sold on stewardship promotion.
2. To decide on your book and get it into her hands.
3. To set a time or times for the study and then;
4. Pray for and promote this one stewardship study of the year.

There is a playlet "Waked Up" (price 5 cents from WMU Literature Department, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham, Alabama) that would make a wonderful follow-up to the stewardship study. Why not order it now, prepare it (it's easy) and use it perhaps as stewardship emphasis at a general meeting after the study.

Our poster contest at the Convention was quite a success, thanks to your fine promotion of it. So many women requested samples of the posters that Miss Robinson had some of the ideas mimeographed. These are available from WMU office in Jackson.

Why not make a series of stewardship posters for use at the young people's meetings that are just ahead of us.

We are to have a stewardship day during WMU Camp at Garaywa. Every stewardship chairman from the circles on up is needed at camp that day to help with the program. This is our day, stewardship chairmen. Won't you be there Thursday, June 29? Make a special effort! Visiting speakers include Miss Kathleen Mallory, former Executive Secretary of WMU; Miss Letha Saunders, Brazil; Reverend C. K. Rand, Home Mission Board; and the Bible Hour speaker is to be our Executive Secretary, Reverend Chester Quarles. I wish you could come for the entire period (June 27-July 1) but if you can come for only one day—come Thursday, June 29. Be there early as the morning program begins at 8:45.

It will soon be time for reports. Don't let that "summer slump" keep us from reporting all the good work that has been done this quarter! See

you at Garaywa June 29!

—MRS. J. T. LYONS
Stewardship Chairman

CAMP SCHEDULE FOR 1950

Camp Garaywa
May 29-June 3—Junior G. A. All State.
June 5-10—Junior R. A. Districts 6 and 8.
June 12-17—Int. R. A.
June 19-24—Junior R. A. Districts 1 and 5.
June 27-July 1—WMS.
July 3-8—Int. G. A. Districts 1-4.
July 10-15—Int. G. A. Districts 5-8.
July 17-22—Junior R. A. Districts 2 and 4.
July 24-29—Junior R. A. Districts 3 and 7.
July 31-Aug. 5—YWA.
Aug. 4-6—College and Hospital YWA Clinic.
Aug. 7-12—Junior G. A. Districts 2, 4 and 8.
Aug. 14-19—Junior G. A. Districts 3, 5 and 7.
Aug. 21-26—Junior G. A. Districts 1 and 6.

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GIFTS OF GOLD FOR THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY

By DR. R. G. LEE

Great the gifts of money made and great the service rendered by our Baptist people during the twenty-five years of our Cooperative Program endeavour. We have learned the power of united efforts, have seen wonders accomplished because of hands working unitedly, of hearts living cooperatively, and of pocketbooks opened and giving forth as the pocketbook of one generously-minded man.

Let us celebrate this silver anniversary—not with eyes looking adoringly at the past or divinely at the future, but alertly on the present with its glorious opportunities and responsibilities. Let us greet the natal year of the Cooperative Program—not with words and good intentions only, but with money, not with sweet sayings but with supplemental offerings.

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ValueChurch Adds 10 Adopts \$1800 Budget

Ten new members were added to the Value Church by baptism on May 21. The ordinance was administered by the county missionary, Rev. Louis Ward Stanger, who is acting pastor. This makes a total of 26 baptism since March 1. A budget of \$1800 has been set up for half-time service and a pastor will be called June 1.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Stanger a WMS has been organized with ten charter members. A Vacation Bible School will be conducted the week of June 5.

A Training Union study course is to be conducted in June with an organization following early in July.

The BAPTIST RECORD will go into every home in the church beginning June 1. The church plans to give 10 per cent of its receipts to the Cooperative Program.

Hand To Be Interim Pastor At Highland



DR. OTHELL HAND

Highland Church, Meridian, has extended a call to Dr. Othell Hand as interim pastor for the summer months.

The church has been pastorless since Rev. Edward L. Byrd resigned to become pastor of the First Baptist Church of Florence, South Carolina.

Dr. Hand is a graduate of Mississippi College and a Ph. D. graduate of the Southern Baptist Seminary. He is director of Religious Activities of Richmond College, Richmond, Virginia.

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41st Ave. Revival Adds Twenty-Five

Twenty-five members, seven for baptism, were added to forty-first Avenue Church during the revival meeting May 14-21. Dr. Hardee Kennedy from the New Orleans Seminary brought the messages and Ralph Young led the singing.

Dr. Kennedy taught the Book of Jonah each morning, and directed a 15 minute radio broadcast at 10:45.

Mr. Young worked with the young people.

Rev. Tom L. Pfeifer is the pastor.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, God in His wisdom has seen fit to call our friend and brother, Mr. Hiram Everett, to his heavenly home, and

WHEREAS, Bro. Everett was a Deacon and Sunday School teacher for many years, was persistent and untiring in all phases of church work, and worked for every cause for the betterment and uplift of the community as a whole, and

WHEREAS, he was a faithful, loving, and devoted husband, never critical of others, and his sober, quiet disposition endeared him to all who knew him;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that we, the entire membership of the Newton Baptist Church, express our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family as an expression of our love and devotion for a departed friend and brother,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Bro. Everett, a copy be spread on the minutes of the Newton Baptist Church, a copy be sent to the Baptist Record, Jackson, Mississippi, and a copy be sent to the Newton County Record for publication.

Committee:
ROY KUYKENDALL,
Chairman
J. C. WALDROP
TROY MOHON

Wallerville Has VBS

Wallerville Church in Union county held a five-day Vacation Bible School in May with 65 enrolled.

The Commencement program was a candle light service. The school resulted in 11 professions of faith.

Rev. Clarke Rakestraw, Clarke College student, is the pastor.

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Pres. Lowrey Names Award Winners BMC

Blue Mountain—President Lawrence T. Lowrey has announced some of the annual awards at Blue Mountain College.

The Nettie Courtney Paris award, offered in encouragement of such character traits as characterize an energetic, effective, loyal, sincere and consecrated student, was awarded to Charla Walters, Laurel.

The Rosa Mae Kennedy award which goes to the student of exceptional music ability, went to Evelyn Hill, Luxora, Ark.

Betty Sue Dixon, Memphis, won the B. G. Lowrey scholarship, which is awarded on the basis of character, scholarship and leadership.

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Conservative Group Grows Quickly

Boston, Mass.—(BP)—A five day meeting was held in Boston by the conservative Baptists, a loosely organized protest group that seems to be building a new denomination. Formerly a strong minority in the Northern Convention, they began to organize mission and publication societies in 1943. They now support over 200 missionaries and have support from 1,500 churches, according to Dr. Chester E. Tulga, Chicago research secretary for the group.

The series of meetings of the independent societies and associations of the movement met in Park Street Congregational Church here and enrolled over 1,000 delegates.

While in Boston the conservatives took steps to bolster their budgets that totaled more than \$800,000 last year and to establish three new seminaries. Little hope was expressed by either the Northern Baptists or the conservative Baptists that the two groups would reunite.

Confronted with a rumor that the Conservative Foreign Mission Society was about to disband, Dr. John Bradbury said, "There is not a word of truth in it." Dr. Tulga said, "Could you kill a mission movement that had accumulated 200 missionaries in seven years?" Dr. William B. Lippard, editor, Missions, said that there seemed to be little chance that the movement would soon die.

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Memorial Mission To Honor Geo. W. Truett

Dallas, Tex.—(BP)—The First Baptist Church here will start work immediately on a George W. Truett Memorial Mission in West Dallas, thanks to an anonymous gift that will ultimately amount to more than a half-million dollars. The announcement was made by Dr. W. A. Criswell, the church's pastor.

The gift is from a retired Dallas lady missionary who says she became a missionary because of the influence of Dr. Truett.

"Underprivileged persons are much more likely to attend a neighboring church than one of the large city churches," said the woman who made the huge gift. "When parents are saved, children are given an opportunity to be reared in Christian homes."

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How They Voted On The Liquor Bill

By N. S. JACKSON, Supt.
Miss. Temperance League

Many people have inquired about the vote on the Liquor Referendum Bill which was introduced by Mrs. Zelma Price of Washington county, Mr. Rose, of Coahoma, Mr. Bridgeforth (Hinds-Yazoo), Mr. Garrott (Tunica), and referred to the Temperance Committee. The vote was had on February 7. A motion to postpone indefinitely lost by a narrow margin. A number of amendments were proposed, and the measure lost, on the final vote by 67 to 58, fifteen absent or not voting. Final vote is given below:

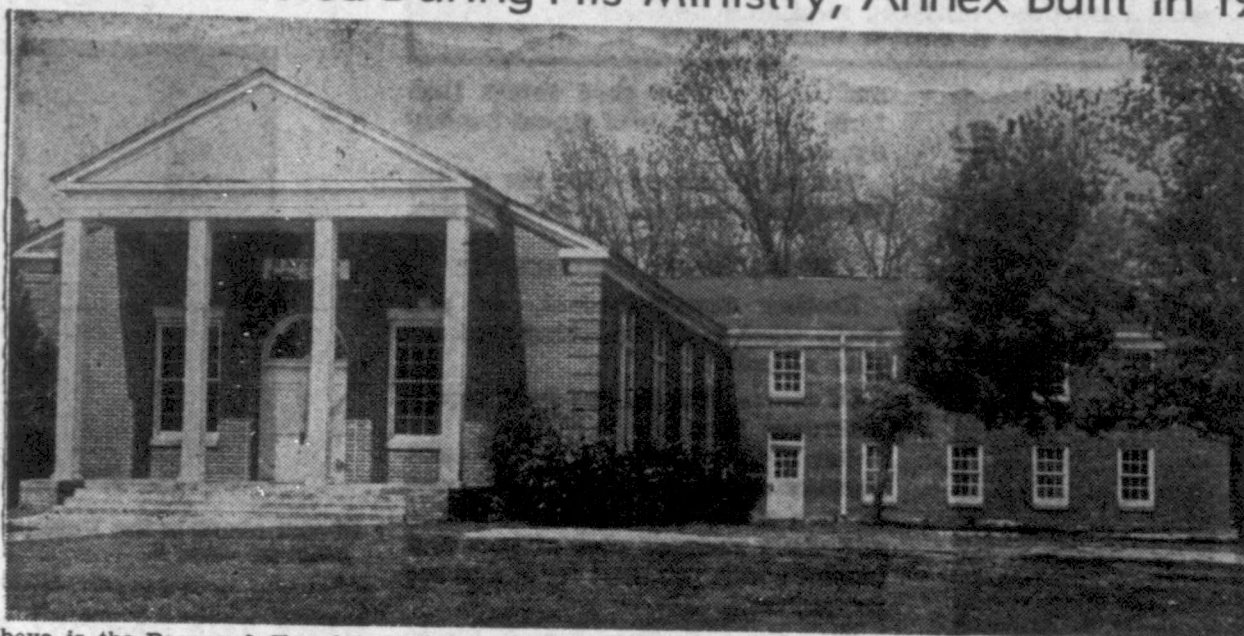
FOR THE BILL

Adams (Kemper), Aldridge (Floater, Grenada - Montgomery), Andrews (Lamar), Batson (Sunflower), Blount (Tallahatchie), Bodron (Warren), Bridgeforth (Floater, Hinds-Yazoo), Byrd (Wilkinson), Campbell (Hinds), Cole (Issaquena), Coody (Yazoo), Dowdell (Floater, Clarke-Jasper), Drane (Adams), Duckworth (DeSoto), Edwards (Yalobusha), Eudy (Choctaw), Fox (Claiborne), Gautier (Jackson), Gee (Sharkey), Gross (Jones), Hammett (Holmes), Heidel (Yazoo), Hicks (Yazoo), Holleman (Stone), Holmes (Montgomery), Hopkins (Coahoma), Howard (Marshall), Jacobson (Warren), Jordan (Lincoln), Junkin (Adams), Kirby (Oktibbeha), Lee (Hancock), Lofton (Clay), Love (Holmes), McGehee (Wilkinson), McKenzie (Benton), McRaney (Covington), Monaghan (Lee), Morton (Tate), Phillips (Noxubee), Price (Washington), Pryor (Washington), Ross (Coahoma), Rutledge (Chickasaw), Sandlin (Marshall), Stuart (Noxubee), Sullivan (Noxubee), Swango (Panola), Thigpen (Bolivar), Vaiden (Carroll), Virden (Hinds), Waits (Washington), Walley (Greene), Whittington (Leflore), Wilson (DeSoto), Winter (Grenada), Womack (Humphreys), and Mr. Speaker. Total 58.

AGAINST THE BILL

Adams (Lee), Ainsworth (Walthall), Alexander (Hinds), Allred (Jefferson), Anderson (Wayne), Bacot (Pike), Barcliff (Warren), Baxter (Lauderdale), Beauchamp (Attala), Bishop (Lauderdale), Bonds (Marshall), Bramlett (Lafayette), Butler (Amite), Byrd (Floater, Franklin-Lincoln), Cherry (Kemper), Cork (Newton), Crawford (Madison), Critz (Clay), Day (Attala), Denson (Rankin), Dunaway (Marion), Early (Monroe), Eaton (Smith), Falkner (Pontotoc), Flynt (George), Frost (Yalobusha), Gandy (Forrest), Glenn (Calhoun), Grisham (Tishomingo), Grubbs (Simpson),

Robert L. Wallace Retires At Raymond After Serving 22 Years; Modern Plant Erected During His Ministry; Annex Built in 1949



Shown above is the Raymond Church, which was built shortly after Rev. R. L. Wallace came as pastor 22 years ago. The educational annex was added last year.

Having completed more than 22 years of service as pastor of the Raymond Church, the Rev. Robert Lee Wallace has retired after a full and active life in which he has built a new church and Sunday School, School, married 420 couples, officiated at 274 burials, baptized approximately 375 persons and preached over 2,000 times.

Born at Beach in Scott county, November 16, 1879, the Rev. Mr. Wallace attended high school at Lena, was graduated from Mississippi College in 1907, and from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1913.

He took his first pastorate 42 1-2 years ago in the little town of New Liberty, Kentucky. Returning to his home state after four years service, he was called to the church at Vernice, where he served six years; then to Morton, where he also served six years. Called to Raymond in 1927,

he has served the church until his retirement this month.

Only five months after his arrival, the church was destroyed by fire and Mr. Wallace set to work to rebuild it. He succeeded. Under his care, the church continued to flourish until a new annex was necessary. This was completed last year.

In token of appreciation, the congregation of the church has drawn up resolutions expressing its heartfelt appreciation for his active, busy and fruitful Christian life and the service rendered by him. The resolutions refer to him as "the Shepherd of the flock" and state: "The material growth of our church in these twenty-two years, under his wise and business-like leadership has been phenomenal, as shown by greatly increased attendance and offerings and by our handsome new church building and Sunday School rooms."

PASTOR



REV. R. L. WALLACE

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it has pleased our Heavenly Father in His inscrutable wisdom to call from us to His heavenly home our beloved brother Morton A. Mayo, and

WHEREAS, Brother Mayo has for many years been wise in counsel and effective in action as a deacon of the Main Street Baptist Church and as Vice-Chairman of the deacons, thus adding greatly to the power and accomplishment of the Church, and

WHEREAS, his inspired and inspiring leadership as Superintendent of the Sunday School of Main Street Baptist Church has had much to do with the remarkable growth of the Sunday School and with its maintenance of spiritual emphasis, and

WHEREAS, his cheerful smile, his heart-warming handclasp, his friendly sympathy and understanding, his course, his consecration, his vision, have made him a wondrous example of Christian manhood, and

WHEREAS, he has powerfully shown by his manner of living that Christ lived in him, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we the pastor, deacons, and members of the Main Street Baptist Church extend our sympathy to the family of our Brother Morton A. Mayo in their bereavement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we are grateful that we have been permitted to know our beloved brother and to serve with him, and that we are rejoiced at his accomplishments and at the noble example which he set and which we have forever in our memories, and

we shall not permit the cause of Christ BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that and of righteousness, which he loved, to suffer by his passing, but that we shall honor him and the Christ he served by striving the more earnestly to support our Church and the right things for which it stands, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that a copy of these resolutions shall be spread on the minutes of the church, a copy shall be sent to the Baptist Record for publication, and a copy shall be sent to the family of our beloved brother as a memorial of our esteem and love for him and of our grief at his departure.

GRADY LEWIS,

Chairman

R. G. LOWERY,

J. E. BARNES,

Pastor

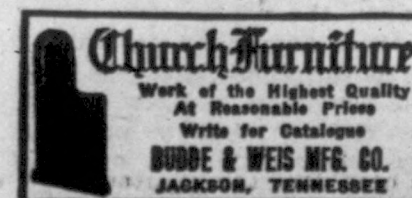
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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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REV. EARL C. EDWARDS

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The above picture is that of Rev. Earl C. Edwards, pastor of the East McComb Baptist Church, which church led the entire state in the total number of Sunday School training awards during the first seven months of this Sunday School year—October 1-April 30.

Hearty congratulations to you, Brother Edwards, and your church for this very excellent record!

What church will lead the state for the full year that closes September 30? Training workers for better service is always a helpful part of any program.

SIXTY YEARS A TEACHER

Mrs. T. E. Stephenson, teacher of an adult class of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, has been a Sunday School teacher for sixty years.

She began teaching in a mission in Shreveport, La., in October of 1889, and has been at the task since.

That is certainly a very unusual record, and we want to extend to Mrs. Stephenson, affectionately known by her class members as "Lena Dear," our very sincere congratulations, and wish for her many other years of good service in the teaching of God's Word.

WHEN ADULTS COME

Well, suppose we do reach adults for the Sunday School, what of it?

Now, that is a perfectly good question and one that well deserves consideration. So, let's consider it some. Yes, what of it, if they come?

Several things are involved. One of them is that these adults will get a blessing themselves because they had the fellowship of Bible study. That is always a big item in the program.

Then again, when we reach the adults, they bring their children with them; they furnish officers and teachers for other places in the school; they provide the money for the church work, and they also contribute to all parts of the educational program.

So, when the adults come many things result. Since they make up 58 per cent of the people, we cannot hope to build our largest and best schools without making adequate provision for the adults, and that goes for organization, building space, training,

and all the other good things that form the vital parts of a good Sunday School.

Therefore, let's go after the adults. When they come, many others do also.

WHAT ABOUT RIDGECREST

Brother Superintendent, do you really want to do something good for your school?

Of course, you do. Any good superintendent does.

One of the very best things you can possibly do is to go to Ridgcrest for one of the Sunday School Weeks, and carry some of your officers and teachers with you. Just try it and see for yourself.

The three Sunday School Weeks are: June 22-28; June 29-July 5, and July 6-12.

Write for reservations at once to Mr. Robert Guy, Ridgcrest, N. C. and be sure to send \$2.00 reservation fee for each person going. Better hurry, the time is getting short in a hurry now.

TRY THIS ON YOUR CLASS

It helps to keep check of important items about the class. It is always good to know where we are and where we are going.

Have you tried this check on your class? If not, try it and see how it works and what you find. Here it is:

How many new members in the last five years? How many visitors? Average attendance? Average No. absentees? Net increase? This is for an adult class over this period of time. It can be done for some others for a shorter time. You might be surprised at what you will find through such a checking. But try it anyway and see.

A PERSONAL VISIT PAYS OFF

We recently read of a man who sells goods in many countries of the world by use of the air plane. It means thousands upon thousands of miles traveled, and a large expense account, besides the time, effort, and energy involved.

The result? More than three times as much of his goods sold. And that is the pay-off. Does it pay?

Indeed, the personal contact pays off in the business world, and it also pays big dividends in the work of the Lord. A visitation program is one of the musts in building bigger and better schools for Bible teaching. Try it.

ONLY A VISIT

One day I rang a door bell
In a casual sort of way,
'Twas not a formal visit
And there wasn't much to say.

I don't remember what I said—
It matters not I guess—
I found a heart in hunger;
A soul in deep distress.

He said I came from heaven,
And I often wondered why;
He said I came to see him
When no other help was nigh.

It meant so little to me
To knock at a stranger's door
But it meant Heaven to him
And God's peace forevermore.

Enterprise To Dedicate Building On June 4; Revival to Begin; Pastor to Have Anniversary



Shown above is the Enterprise Church which will be dedicated in the afternoon on June 4.

HEAR THE BAPTIST HOUR

June 4

Speaker: Dr. Duke K. McCall.

Subject: "The Myth of the Average Man."

Stations: WGCM, Gulfport; WSLI, Jackson; WLAU, Laurel; WMBC, Macon; WTOK, Meridian.

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25 Greenville Youth To Go To Ridgcrest

Twenty five young people, ten of whom are from our Chinese Mission, will go to Ridgcrest, North Carolina to attend the Baptist Assembly during one of the Sunday School periods. These boys and girls have completed a 13 weeks contest of memorizing portions of the Bible. They have memorized 13 assignments consisting of 136 verses.

A recognition service was held for these youngsters in the Intermediate Department Sunday morning. The service was conducted by Mr. Robert Parrott, Supt. of the department, Dr. E. D. Elliott, pastor, J. D. Causey, General Supt. of Sunday School, Kern Pratt, Supt. of the Chinese Mission.

They will travel in an air conditioned bus and will be chaperoned by several adults. They will be gone ten days or more. Those having completed the work are Paul Johnson, Tracy Adams, James Lindsey, Jerre Allen, Tommy Wood, Charles Hedrick, Sammy Taylor, Treva Nell Doshier, Sue Harvey, Jimmy Lou Prestidge, Mary Jane Crowson, Elizabeth Goodwin, Patricia Ward, Eddie Joe Lenz, Jenine Ford, Chung Jeu, Wodrow Chow, Jimmie Chow, Eugene Chu, Paul Chu Lin, David Pang, Rache Sit, Mamie Wong, Carolyn Hong, Helen Chu.

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Miss. Club Elects New Officers

Maurice Clayton, of New Albany, has been elected president of the Mississippi Club at the Southern Seminary for the coming year. Jimmy McCaleb, of Columbus, was elected vice-president.

Other officers elected include: Alphonse Jolley, Myrtle, secretary; Herbert Batson, Lumberton, reporter; Dick Miller, Myrtle, program chairman; Ben Rentz, Jackson, social chairman; Frances Farr, Vicksburg, publicity chairman.

Enterprise Church will dedicate its new building on Homecoming Day, June 4. The Rev. D. L. Stennis will preach the dedicatory sermon at 11:00 a. m. and the dedication will be in the afternoon, beginning at 1:45 p. m.

The Enterprise Church was organized in 1847; this is the third building in its history. The value of the properties of the church is \$50,000, including the new pastorage. The present pastor is Rev. J. L. Morgan. Former living pastors are: Dr. E. C. Hendrick, D. L. Stennis, Solie I. Smith, Dr. E. R. Pinson, Rev. R. H. Fitzgerald and J. S. Nobles, Jr. The present superintendent is R. L. Ward, who has served for the past seventeen years. The records of the first several years of the church were destroyed when the home of the pastor burned.

A building fund was begun under the pastorate of the Rev. D. L. Stennis and the erection of the building began under the pastorate of Dr. E. R. Pinson in 1946. The building committee named by Dr. Pinson was composed of the following: Fred F. Johnston, chairman, Mrs. P. C. McBride, secretary and treasurer, W. W. Buckley, Mrs. H. A. Clark, J. R. Kamper, Bryan Stevens and R. L. Ward.

This day will begin the second year's pastorate of Mr. Morgan and will be the beginning of the revival, with the Rev. Ford Parker, pastor of the Beulah Church as guest preacher.

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THERE WERE 130 ENROLLED IN the Vacation Bible School at the Zion Hill Church. Special recognition was given to those who attended every session. The special offering was given to the mission program. Miss Pat Sellers was the principal, Rev. Loyd Shelton is the pastor.

ROME—(RNS)—A BAPTIST BIBLE school for women—the first ever established in Rome—was inaugurated here in the presence of Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board of the United States.

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 Anber J. Wilds, State Secretary — Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi

Winona, Mississippi's First Union Breaks All Records

In 1945 we celebrated our 50th anniversary of Training Union work in Mississippi. At our State Training Union Convention we honored Mr. Arthur Flake, who in 1895 organized the first BYPU in Mississippi. This union was organized in the Winona church. We had the Training Union of the Winona church to take a prominent part on the program of this State Convention. We have a letter from the present pastor, Rev. C. B. Hamlet, III, which we want to give here that you may share with them and us the joy of knowing the progress of this, Mississippi's first union. "We started the 2nd Adult Union in the Training Union last night (May 21) with 26 present. The other Adult Union had 61 present counting visitors. The entire Training Union set an all time record with 229 present. Our Sunday School was on a 'low limb' and had only 226 present, so, for the first time since Arthur Flake founded this union in November 1895 there were more present in Training Union than in Sunday School. Our present drive started on April 9th and reads like this—66, 121, 119, 134, 156, 118, 229." Surely we have reason to rejoice with our Winona friends, and will be inspired to make a new effort in our own church to "win the masses" of untrained church members.

What Starts Next Monday?

We do not have to ask the Training Union folk in District Five what starts next Monday, they know it is the day for their District Convention at West Heights Pontotoc. Then five days a week for three weeks. We are eager to see you again friends, those of you whom we have not seen since last June. Come to the convention again this year and let's renew this friendship. Invitations for the 1951 conventions for most of the districts are already in hand.

Twenty nine years ago we had our first District Convention. In 1921 we began holding the District Conventions and since then have missed only two years holding them. We did not have them in 1935 as we began a plan to have the State Conventions one year and the District Conventions the next. We did not like this plan and so went back to the annual meeting of both. Then in 1945 the government asked that no meetings be held that would bring together more than fifty people so we did not have the conventions that year. This year then will mark the twenty seventh series of District Conventions. Great blessings have accrued to thousands of people through these meetings, and the practical side of Training Union as well as the spirit of missions has rooted itself in the hearts and lives of our people. Get a blessing this year from the one in your district.

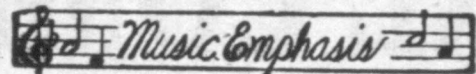
Next week the District Conventions will be held as follows: Monday, West Heights, Pontotoc; Tuesday, Baldwin; Wednesday, First West Point; Thursday, First Philadelphia; Friday, Newton. The program will begin at 1:30 in the afternoon and close with a great

Mass Chorus 8:45-9:00.

Awards For The Last Six Months

From the first of October to the first of April we have issued in Mississippi 12,775 study course awards (This, a few years ago was a BIG years report) eight associations have reported no study course in that period of time, Choctaw; Clay; George; Itawamba; Marshall; Monroe; Tate; and Zion. (Marshall had one church asking for awards in April this year). The ten leading associations are: Hinds, 1023; Lauderdale, 749; Jones, 663; Calhoun, 609; Simpson, 522; Pike, 502; Rankin, 489; Lebanon, 452; Jackson, 414; Panola, 411.

In April we issued 3,412 awards. Adults lead with 1,298; Juniors, 690; Intermediates, 660; Young People, 477; Administration, 286. The top five associations are, Hinds, 419; Attala, 282; Union, 199; Oktibbeha 186; Alcorn, 167. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth."



MUSIC EMPHASIS Final Word to Ensembles and Hymn Players

The Ensemble District Festival: All ensembles are now, making final preparation for the District Festival. Some special rehearsals are in order between now and the date for the district festival. Each church is eligible to enter one ensemble. All ensembles participating in an association festival are eligible to go to the district festival and participate. Remember, the music is not an elimination contest but a music festival. There is no elimination in the music, rather, each participant will be rated. Remember, the ensembles are divided into two groups. These groups are Small Ensembles composed of not less than six and not more than twelve members. Large Ensembles will be all ensembles with thirteen or more members. All choirs will come in this group. It is to be remembered however, that these groupings are for the judging only, and are to be disregarded otherwise. Also, the small ensembles come in the afternoon of the convention, and the large ensembles come during the night session. However, both large and small ensembles will sing in the mass chorus at the close of the night session. All ensembles will be rated at the district festival as to Superior, Excellent, Good, or Fair. Please report to W. C. Morgan for registration as soon as the ensemble reaches the church.

The hymn players will also report for registration as soon as they reach the church. Each church will be eligible to enter one Junior and one Intermediate hymn player. These hymn players will play according to the rules outlined in the 1950 Music Emphasis Sheet. Remember, the Junior Hymn Players will play in the afternoon, and the Intermediate Hymn Players will play during the night session.



W. HINES SIMS

W. Hines Sims, associate secretary, Department of Church Music, Baptist Sunday School Board, and director of music for the Chicago Southern Baptist Convention, will serve as associate director of the Tenth Convention-wide Church Music Conference to be held in Ridgecrest, North Carolina, August 24-30.

The conference is all for church musicians and leaders. Reservations should be made immediately by writing to Mr. Robert Guy, manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, and enclosing a \$2.00 registration fee.

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Miss. College Awards Go To Many Students

As Mississippi College celebrated its 100th years of Baptist control, many awards, medals and scholarships have been announced. They are as follows: Kyzar Freshman Declamation Medal to Byron Jay, of Columbia; Sophomore Declamation Medal, Richard G. Wooten, Clinton; Trotter Junior Medal for the best original oration, Miss Dorothy Dunn, Hamburg, Ark. This is the first time in the history of Mississippi College that this award has been won by a woman.

Nelson Senior Medal for the best original oration, Edward McMillan, Kosciusko.

Scholarships were awarded as follows: The Myles Dampeer, \$50 scholarship, to Robert Girling, Holmesville; the Mrs. W. J. Davis \$50 scholarship, Charles Gentry, Baldwin; the Banks Music Scholarship, \$75, Geneva Davis, Jackson; the Barnhill Scholarship in chemistry, J. M. Adams, Terry; the Walden Band Scholarship, Ernest Boling, Fayette, Ala.

Medals for extemporaneous debates were awarded to James Fancher, Louisville, and Edward McMillan, Kosciusko. Band awards were made as follows: William L. Compere, Jackson; E. M. Boling, Fayette, Ala.; Mildred Boling, Fayette, Ala.; Edwin Estes, Canton; Charles Eudy, Cleveland; Virginia Greening, Kansas City, Missouri; James Lowe, Foxworth; Virginia Lowe, Foxworth; Jean Miles, Grenada; Vara Miles, Grenada; David Spell, Columbia; and Betty Marshall, Kingsport, Tennessee.

Letters were awarded to the following students for their participation in Forensic activities: Mary Jo Cannon, Memphis, Tennessee; Ferrell Cork, Akron, Ohio; Claude Fortenberry, Sandy Hook; Albert Herndon, Aberdeen; Mary Catherine Lowrey, Memphis, Tennessee; and Edward Mc-

427 BTUers Attend Rankin Co. Rally

A record-breaking crowd of 427 persons attended the two-session Rankin County Training Union elimination contest at Paul Truitt church, May 25. Story Hour and Junior boys and girls participated in an early evening service, with other groups following at 7:15. More than 60 participated in all age groups.

Eighteen churches were represented, including the recently organized church at Value. Two new unions, Concord and Pisgah, were present. Steens Creek at Florence was awarded the attendance banner with 48 present.

Rankin county will be host to the District T. U. Convention which is to be held with the Steen's Creek church June 16.

Rev. Louis Ward Stanger, Brandon, is the Associational Training Union director. The August meeting is to be held with the Cato church, Lester Grantham, director. Rev. E. N. Sullivan is the Cato pastor.

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Slack Ordained At Zion Hill; Called As Assoc. Pastor

Robert R. Slack, Jr., was recently ordained to the full ministry of the gospel by the Zion Hill Church, Lebanon Association, and called by the church as associate pastor. Mr. Slack has been a member of the Zion Hill Church for several years and was licensed by the church last August.

At the Ordination service Rev. J. H. Cothen of McClain preached the sermon; Rev. H. L. Davis, of Juniper Grove Church, delivered the charge to the candidate; Rev. J. B. Stewart of Rocky Creek delivered the charge to the church. Howard Gay, chairman of the deacons of the Zion Hill Church, presented the Bible and Rev. Loyd Shelton, Zion Hill pastor, led the ordination prayer and presented the certificate of ordination.

Mr. Slack has served the church as Sunday School superintendent, Building Fund treasurer, deacon, custodian of the cemetery and in various other offices.

He is a student of Miss. Southern College and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Slack, Route 2, Hattiesburg, and his wife is the former Miss Mary Dell Weatherford.

Millan, Kosciusko.

Other awards given were: Mrs. A. J. Aven Scholarship to John Thurman Lewis, Eupora; H. M. King Memorial Scholarship, Charles Dill Phillips, Drew.

Baily Biology Award, Thomas Scott McKay, Utica; Walden Band Award, Ernest M. Boling, Jr., Fayette; U. D. C. Southern History Award, Peter Franklin Walker, Clinton; Sumrall Scholarship Award, Warren George Tann, Clinton.

Sadler Scholarship Award, Joseph Preston Crawford, McComb; Tima Newson Sullivan Award, Albert Roberts, Brandon; Lily Waller Riley Scholarship, Mrs. Leon Waite, Silas, Alabama.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD APPRECIATES a copy of the 1949 minutes of the California Southern Baptist State Convention which met last November.



THE CHECKS ARE COMING IN!

MAIL A CHECK A MONTH!

NAME _____	DATE May 1, 1950
CITY AND STATE _____	
PAY TO Endowment Fund, Mississippi College \$ 10.42	
Ten and 42/100 DOLLARS	
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PAY TO Endowment Fund, Mississippi College \$ 10.42	
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for 125 Year Celebration	

Yes, it is a thrill to see the way the Alumni and friends of Mississippi College are sending in their monthly checks for the 125th anniversary year.

SEND FOR YOUR CHECK BOOKLET . . . and begin this modest payment plan. It is a small amount but if we all participate it will amount to a great benefit.

The Plan...

- (1) Fill out and mail each month one of the checks for \$10.42.
- (2) 12 checks for 12 months—AND BY COMMENCEMENT 1951 you will have given old Alma Mater \$125.00—A DOLLAR FOR EACH YEAR—A REAL BIRTHDAY GIFT!
- (3) You will be awarded an ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATE upon completion of the Gift.
- (4) Begin during May, 1950.

Mississippi College Century and a Quarter Celebration—1950-51

Sparks & Splinters

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT of the Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, recently honored its members graduating from Byram, Forest Hill, the School for the Blind, and Belhaven College at a May Breakfast. The theme used for the occasion was "Measuring Life's Achievements." The young people who were honored were Betty Elizabeth Gary, Lavada Maxwell, Bobbie Hayne, Barbara Sue McIntosh, Keith Daymond, and Maury Truitt.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—(RNS)—Several hundred of the 5,000 delegates gathered in Boston for the 43rd annual meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention made a pilgrimage to the First Baptist Meeting House here, where Roger Williams organized the first Baptist church in America in 1639. A motorcade, escorted by police, followed the same route from Boston to the old meetinghouse in Providence that had been taken by Roger Williams when he was banished from the Massachusetts Bay colony.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, MISS., MAY 25—During the 25 years Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey has been president of Blue Mountain College, David E. Guyton, professor of history, has not missed a class because of illness. This record is significant because Mr. Guyton has been blind since he was 12 years of age.

BETHEL CHURCH IN AMITE county has completed a Training Union study course in which 56 were enrolled. Special emphasis was on "Soul-Winning." Associational Missionary Evon Ingram taught the adults, "A Winning Witness." The pastor, Rev. Lucian Conway, taught the Young People and Intermediates, and Mrs. Ingram taught the Juniors.

POOR SUPPORT OF NORTHERN (American) Baptist seminaries was deplored in an address by Dr. Luther Wesley Smith of the American Baptist Publishing Society at the meeting of the Northern (American) Baptist Convention. He said that Southern Baptists put into each of their three seminaries in one year more than Northern (American) Baptists put into one of theirs in ten years. He also cited the establishment of the new Golden Gate Seminary on the west coast, pointing out that Southern Baptists would put five times as much into that seminary the first year as Northern (American) Baptists had put into their west coast seminary in any one year. In commenting on the seminary situation, an Andover-Newton trustee said as he left the building, "No wonder Southern Baptist ministers are loyal to their convention and Northern Baptists are not."

EAST SIDE CHURCH IN RANKIN county will hold a revival beginning June 12 in which Dr. D. A. McCall, pastor of the Tabernacle Church, Chicago, and formerly Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will do the preaching and Scotchie McCall, Jr., will lead the singing. Rev. L. S. Polk is the pastor.

MISS MAXIE KING, OF CANTON HAS accepted the position of Secretary and Music Director of the First Church, Kosciusko, according to an announcement by the pastor, Rev. A. B. Pierce.

THE UNION ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY Sunday School meeting will be held at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Natchez, June 5 at 7:30 p. m. Dr. W. A. Sullivan, pastor, First Church, Natchez will bring the devotional. Special music will be rendered by the men's quartet of First Church, Natchez. The main address of the evening will be delivered by Rev. James W. Crumpton, pastor West Side Church, Natchez.

NEW ORLEANS—A NEW SOUND

motion picture, "Homes of the Homeless", an authentic portrayal of the daily lives of Displaced Persons in Europe, is now available free of charge from the Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Office, 2040 Napoleon Avenue, New Orleans 15, La. Narrated by Henry Fonda and produced by the International Refugee Organization of the United Nations, the film is currently being shown in many of the public theaters of the United States.

DR. A. E. PRINCE HAS RESIGNED as the president of Hannibal-Language College at Hannibal, Mo. Dr. Prince has been president for more than nine years. He plans to give his full time to the work of the ministry, with the hope that he can spend some time in evangelistic work. Dr. Howard S. Higdon, dean for the past two years, will serve as interim president until a president is secured.

A TRAINING UNION STUDY COURSE was held in the Improve Church, Marion county, with 100 enrolled. During the three months which Rev. J. Thomas Tolar has served as pastor, the Training Union attendance has constantly exceeded the enrolment. Study Course teachers were: J. Thomas Tolar, adults; Rev. John R. Eubanks, North Columbia pastor, Young People; Mrs. John R. Eubanks, Intermediates; Mrs. J. Thomas Tolar, Juniors; Mrs. Maxie Tolar, Story Hour.

REV. C. O. ESTES, PASTOR OF CENTER Terrace Church, Canton, preached the baccalaureate sermon for the Senior Class of Canton High School. The town-wide meeting for the occasion was held in Presbyterian Church. The class of seventy-two graduates is the largest in Canton's history.

GOD STILL ANSWERS PRAYERS AS He did in Bible times. One can learn how to pray from the book by Dr. John R. Rice, the seventh printing of which has been released by the Sword of the Lord Publishers, 214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois, entitled "Prayer, Asking and Receiving." The book gives clear, fundamental Bible teaching on the subject and many examples of answered prayer. Its 328 pages contain 21 chapters. The book was published first in 1942; since that time 100,000 copies have been printed. Order from the publisher or from the Baptist Book Store.

ROCKY CREEK JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE G. A.'s entertained during Focus Week at a Mother-Daughter banquet which was formal. The G. A. colors of green and white were used in decorations. Rev. J. B. Stewart led the devotional and Mrs. Stewart gave the welcome. Others on the program included: Mrs. Ernest Rogers, Joan Geiger, Harlean Mercer, Maria Brannon.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, MISS., MAY 19—Jeanne Duncan, Griffin, Ga., has been elected editor of The B. M. Seer, student newspaper of Blue Mountain College, and Bess Ann Smith, Louisville, was selected business manager. Other officers are as follows: assistant business managers, Jo Ann Mitchell, Blue Mountain, and Betty Owen Long, Ripley; news editor, Mamie Lou Eubanks, Mobile, Ala.; news staff—Perrin Turner, Marks; Jeanette Collier, Kewanee; Betty Gray Jackson, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Frances May Boswell, Macon; Ramona Blaydes, Oakland, Tenn.; and Chrystal Neal, Montgomery, Ala.; feature staff—Darleen Brown, Indian Head, Md.; Bonnie Mae Gadd, Ashland; Beverly Guyton, Blue Mountain; and Mertice Baker, Clanton, Ala.; sports editor, Mary Jane Netherly, Tupelo; photographer, Joyce Pugh, Red Bay, Ala.; typists—Yvette Shirley, Forest; Betty Hicks, Sledge; and Effie Lynn Allen, Louisville.

THE TRAINING UNION DEPARTMENT has issued 224,879 awards since October 1, 1949.

Being Unequally Yoked Poses Many Problems



BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—(RNS)—THE Birmingham Baptist Association at a special session voted to "refuse and reject" government funds offered under the Hill-Burton act for enlargement of the Baptist hospital here. By its action, the association reaffirmed a stand it had taken last December when it defeated its executive board's recommendation which would have authorized the hospital's trustees to secure federal funds on a loan basis.

CENTER TERRACE CHURCH, CANTON, will have a Youth-Led Revival beginning Sunday, June 11. Charles Gentry, preacher; Welcome Cowart, musician, and Mel Kraft, song leader, all students at Mississippi College, will be the team leading in the meeting. The pastor, C. O. Estes, reports that the brotherhood will sponsor two weeks of cottage prayer meetings in preparation for the revival.

AGAIN WE REMIND OUR READERS that unsigned letters cannot be used. The latest unsigned letter is from a person who says, "I am a young girl here in Hattiesburg." However, there is no name signed to the letter and therefore it goes into the file marked "anonymous."

REV. B. H. BENTON DID THE preaching during a revival at the West View Church near Jackson, the first week in May. There were 20 additions. Since that time a group met to work on the grounds and building, under the leadership of Dr. Joseph E. Pettus. Rev. James Thompson is pastor.

THE YWA OF ZION MILL CHURCH in Lebanon Association, gave a mimeograph to the church recently. Rev. Loid Shelton is the pastor and Mrs. R. R. Dunagin is the counsellor.

MISSISSIPPIANS WILL BE INTERESTED to know that Rev. T. A. Williams, a Mississippian now pastor of the Third Avenue Church, Louisville, Kentucky, recently observed his fourth anniversary as pastor. Under the leadership of Pastor Williams the church has welcomed 706 additions, completed a \$50,000 building program, and graded its Sunday School. Construction is to be completed soon on a building to accommodate more than 100 babies.

AS AN OUTSIDER, MAY I ADD MY congratulations to the Van Winkle Church, Church of Jackson upon the recent and auspicious celebration of her twelfth anniversary. In my extended travels throughout the south and coming in close contact with many organizations, both large and small, none has more favorably impressed me than this good and growing church. Continued blessings upon Pastor Herman Milner, his corps of capable and consecrated assistants and the growing and enthusiastic membership.—E. J. ROGERS, Kansas City, Mo.

PRACTICAL MUSIC LESSONS, PART 1 and 2, (cloth, \$1; paper, 60 cents) is now available in printed form. The co-authors are B. B. McKinney and Luther A. Harrison, the late Secretary of Music of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Mr. Harrison used this book in promoting the music program of Mississippi until his death. Many requests have come for this volume, but heretofore it had not come from the press. Orders may now be sent to the Baptist Book Store.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

LOWLAND SENDS 28

Lowland Church in Leflore county believes in the Baptist Record and has proved it by sending a list of 28 names. This represents all of the resident families of the church. The list was sent by Lewis Kilgore, Jr.

Rev. L. E. Moon is pastor of the church.

Record readers in Leflore county are now listed as follows: Greenwood, Calvary, 259; Greenwood, First, 666; Morgan City, 38; Mt. Vernon, 35; Riverside, 52; Schlutar, 47; Sidon, 42; Itta Bena, 103; Half Mile, 15.

Beulah, Polkville, Progresses

Beulah Church in Polkville is making progress under the leadership of Rev. Paul McDonald, who has been pastor since the first of the year.

A revival was held in March in which Rev. Fred Williams, Mississippi College student, did the preaching. There were nine additions to the church. The Sunday School and Training Union will be graded in May, according to plans now in progress.

One of the church's most recent progressive steps is adoption of the EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record. Pastor McDonald brought in a list of 51 names with instructions to send the bill monthly.

Record readers in Smith county are now listed as follows: Clear Creek, 17; Clear Springs 14; Fellowship 36; Goodwater, 35; Leaf River, 54; Lorena, 2; Mize 1; Mt. Carmel, 1; Raleigh, 47; Rocky Hill, 12; Sardis, 47; Sylvarena, 33; Taylorsville, 82; Union, 7; White Oak, 69; Wilkinson Memorial, 23; Zion, 23 New Sardis, 1, Beulah, 51.

CENTRAL, HATTIESBURG, IS NUMBER 980

The EVERY FAMILY Plan and Rev. C. E. Smith mean practically the same thing. In other words, whenever Pastor Smith becomes the shepherd of a flock the next thing is the adoption of the EVERY FAMILY plan. Several months ago he helped organized Central Church, Hattiesburg, and a few days ago he brought an EVERY FAMILY list from that church containing 30 names. If every pastor in Mississippi was as faithful to the Baptist Record as this good pastor, the circulation would not be a problem.

Record readers in Lebanon Association are now listed as follows: Hattiesburg, Central, 30; Brooklyn, 71; Carterville, 43; Rawls Springs, 78; Dixie, 47; Glendale, 43; Green's Creek, 65; Hattiesburg, First, 522; Hattiesburg, Bouie Street, 57; Hattiesburg, Main Street, 708; Hattiesburg, Fifth Avenue, 354; Hattiesburg, 28th Avenue, 57; Hattiesburg, 38th Avenue, 69; Immanuel, 89; Irene Chapel, 37; Lakeview, 11; McLaurin, 55; Macedonia, 35; Petal-Harvey, 172; Providence, 115; Hattiesburg, River Avenue, 94; Zion Hill, 83; Fruitland Park 1; Mars Hill, 29.

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DR. WILLIAM A. MUELLER, SOUTH-ern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been asked to serve as one of the editors for the new Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge.

— BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT —

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

EDWINA MAY, Office Secretary

BROTHERHOOD KNOWS NO SEASON!

Summer is approaching, and many are the opportunities which summer brings to a wide-awake church Brotherhood.

First in time is the opportunity of Vacation Bible School. Nearly every one of our churches holds a Vacation Bible School in the early summer, usually immediately following the close of the public schools. Vacation Bible Schools need the help of men, not only to assist with boys' hand-work, but to help elsewhere in the program. The consecrated work of even two or three men can help build a better and more effective Vacation Bible School.

Then there is the opportunity of mission revivals. A survey of your larger church field will probably reveal several areas which are not served directly by any Baptist church, and which need the help of an established church to have a revival. Many such revivals have been sponsored by church Brotherhoods, with the result that souls have been saved, lives have been blessed, churches have been built, missions have been established; and the men of the Brotherhoods so engaged have been blessed with an enlarged vision of the divinely appointed work of their church.

Another opportunity that summer brings is that of outdoor gatherings of men and boys. A fish-fry, or a barbecue, or a night's encampment, can be made to pay wonderful spiritual dividends. It is the experience of your Brotherhood Secretary that whenever men get together to honor their God, God is there! Many have been blessed at such gatherings of men. Many are the good times that men have had, in singing around a camp-fire, in eating together, in counseling together, and in listening together to the work of God.

Summer brings yet another opportunity. It is the opportunity for personal work and for cottage prayer-meetings, out in the highways and hedges, in places not as easily accessible at other times of the year. Many are the people who cannot go to church. They live too far away and have no transportation. A large part of these people are lost. Some of them are members of large families without a single Christian. They are never going to be reached for Christ unless God's people go to them where they are!

Summer is almost upon us; and we will be wise to use all the summer to bring glory to our Saviour in the salvation of souls and in the building up of all phases of His work.

Department of Temperance Activities

W. L. HOLCOMB, Director

BOX 530 — PHONE 3-9106 — JACKSON

ITAWAMBA COUNTY WINS BEER ELECTION

Unofficial returns of the local option election on beer in Itawamba county on May 23 give the drys the victory by approximately seven to one.

Beer was outlawed in Itawamba county in 1934. It was not until last year that the election was found to be invalid. It was thrown out on a technicality that had been discovered by the lawyers in the county about a year ago. Petitions were circulated immediately and they have voted again to oust beer from their county.

I spoke six times in their county the week-end before the election. On Saturday afternoon I had the privilege of speaking on the court square in Fulton to several hundred citizens of their county. They have a wonderful people. I was not surprised when I learned that they had overwhelmingly defeated the forces of evil.

There was a singing convention meeting in their county on Sunday before the election. Immediately after they closed, all the people remained to hear a message on the beer campaign. There was an unusual response to this meeting.

TOWNS IN DRY COUNTIES THREATENED

The legislature passed a bill giving towns of 2500 and up the privilege of voting as to whether beer can be legally sold in the town. The beer crowd is losing no time. They are doing their best to legalize beer in our larger towns. Starkville has an election already set for June 20.

Just as soon as they begin to circulate petitions in your town please notify us. We shall be glad to give all

the help possible.

This bill was passed through the legislature by the assistance of several legislators who misrepresented their counties. Some of them who represent counties that are "bone dry" voted for this bill. The only counties affected by it are our dry counties. Check on your legislators. Vote only for men who are dry for such important offices.

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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

June 5—Junior E. A. Camp, District 6 and 8, at Garaywa; Jesse Hathorn Greene, Associational Training Union Director.

June 6—Rev. C. C. Weaver, Kemper Associational Convention Board member, C. D. Shields, Clarke College trustee.

June 7—Southwide Student Retreat at Ridgcrest, June 7-14; Miss Mildred Mullikin, Blue Mountain College faculty.

June 8—R. Carl Hardy, Zion Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Miss Joy Sims, Baptist Hospital supervisor.

June 9—Mrs. Irene Touchton, Simpson W. M. U. Associational Young People's leader; S. C. Ellis, Leake County Brotherhood President.

June 10—Miss Nellie Magee, Mississippi College faculty Rev. Chester Quarles, Executive Secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

June 11—Woman's College Endowment.

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THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY distributed 8,822,880 volumes of Scriptures around the world during 1949. The total includes 574,931 Bibles, 923,034 Testaments, and 7,324,915 Gospels and other portions of the Bible.

A. L. O'Briant Is Active At 80



Shown above is the Berean Sunday Class of the First Church, Grenada, being taught by Dr. A. L. O'Briant on his eightieth birthday.

Harmony Has Revival

Harmony Church, in Pearl River Association, had a week-end youth revival May 12-14. Rev. W. W. Grafton, Jr., pastor of West Poplarville was the speaker on Friday night and on Saturday, Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Mississippi College student. Rev. and Mrs. Richard Uejo had charge of the Sunday morning service. Miss Edna Labbous, who is a student nurse at the Baptist Hospital, gave a testimony on Sunday night.

The pastor, Rev. C. B. Saucier, led the singing throughout the revival and Mrs. Donald A. Bennett was the pianist.

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Sturgis Has Ground Breaking For Bldg. As Revival Begins

Sturgis Church had a "double feature" Sunday, May 28, with the beginning of the revival and a groundbreaking service for their new church.

The contractor, Earl Crowson of Louisville, came on Saturday and staked for the new building and pulled the cords so the church could hold the service on Sunday afternoon.

Actual construction will begin in a week or two. The contract was let on a lock and key basis and is to be ready for occupancy November 1. The old property, which is in another section of town, is to be sold.

Those having part on the program other than the pastor were: Mrs. L. E. Hamill, treasurer and clerk, who read a brief historical sketch of the church; J. R. Stiles, Senior Deacon, who turned the first dirt; Rev. Billy Greene of Mississippi College who is leading the singing for the revival. Ernie Myers and Billy Greene of Mississippi College, are leading in the revival.

John E. Barrow is the pastor.

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AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE office of the Baptist Record were: M. F. Herring, Raymond; Rev. Earl Brooks, Hopewell; Mrs. Muriel C. Dodson, Jackson; John H. Williams, Nashville; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Moody, Laurel; Andrew W. Reaves, Pensacola, Fla.; Dr. G. C. Hodge, Biloxi; Rev. H. A. Milder, Jackson; Rev. A. L. Gatewood, Ita Bena; Rev. Paul B. Hawkins, McComb; Rev. H. B. Vinson, Charleston; Dr. J. H. Kyzar, Greenwood; Dr. B. C. Land, Jackson; Rev. John E. Eubanks, Columbia; Rev. Van H. Hardin, Lucedale; Rev. J. R. Gwin, Caledonia; J. B. Smith, Jr., Prentiss; Rev. Billy Fancher, Louisville; Curtis E. Sanders, New Orleans; Rev. and Mrs. O. L. Chambers, Mrs. George Herndon, Vicksburg; and J. W. Bush, Sr.

The activities of most people end before four-score years, but not so with Rev. A. L. O'Briant. On his 80th birthday, which was on Mother's Day Mr. O'Briant taught the Berean Class of the First Church, Grenada, where he now lives.

Mr. O'Briant and J. C. Hathorn are assistant teachers of the class. Marshall Perry is the regular teacher; Billy Mann is the president. Average attendance of the class is 75. The class assists in the support of three ministerial students and two young women who are preparing for definite religious work. Six young men from the church are now in college.

A native of Ethel, Mr. O'Briant was converted at the age of 14 and preached his first sermon at 16. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and attended the Southern Seminary at Louisville. He did graduate work at Columbia University.

Mr. O'Briant has served in several Mississippi pastorates. His last work was as Chaplain at the State Penitentiary under appointment of Gov. Paul B. Johnson.

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Alta Woods Revival To Begin On June 4

Rev. Sollie Smith, pastor of the Stonewall Church, will be the evangelist for the revival at Alta Woods Church, near Jackson, June 4-9.

Services on Sunday will be at the regular time. Monday through Friday services will be at 7:30 p. m. The congregational singing and special music will be under the direction of Paul Hancock.

The nursery will be open during every service for children under four years of age.

Rev. Clyde Davis is the pastor.

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DR. DUKE K. MCCALL REPORTS that the offering taken at the evangelistic service in the Chicago Stadium during the 1950 Southern Baptist Convention was \$5,645.63.

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WILLIAM LOWREY COMPERE, JR.

Pictured above are Billy Bond, of Miss. Southern, our State Enrollment Chairman, and William Lowrey Compere, Jr., of Miss. College, our State Social Chairman. Billy is a graduate of Hattiesburg Hi, was on the Ridgecrest staff one summer when he felt and accepted the call to the ministry, and was President of the Freshman Class at La. College before enrolling at Southern. William Lowrey, son of Pastor and Mrs. W. Lowrey Compere, of Northside Church, Jackson, graduated from Jackson's Central Hi, is a member of M. C.'s Choral Choir, Concert Choir and Band, was Social Chairman, of the BSU, Most Typical Freshman, Most Talented Boy, and Most Versatile Boy, plays the piano and marimba, has participated in a number of Youth Revivals and in the Miss. R. A. Camps. Let us remember Billy and William Lowrey prayerfully as they discharge the duties of their offices.

POTPOURRI

Looks as if Maurine Sparkman, of Blue Mtn., will also go as our missionary to Hawaii along with Betty Cooper, of Miss. College, as will Miriam Preston, also of Blue Mtn., who will be the guest of Missionary Josephine Harris. Billy Causey, of Mississippi College, is to go Alaska; Jean Faulkner, of Holmes Jr., to Calif. We need 500 more dollars. Received to date: \$41,529.96 R'crest paid registrations total only 64.

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15 Preachers To Engage In Mission Tour in Japan

In response to an invitation from the Japan Baptist Convention, the Foreign Mission Board will send fifteen men to Japan to engage in a preaching mission from September 15 to November 15.

The initial suggestion came from Japan and after correspondence with the Foreign Mission Board, the Japan Baptist Convention extended an urgent invitation that the mission be undertaken. Numerous suggestions have been made that the selection of preachers be made from pastors whose churches would bear their expenses, but the Board has felt that all expenses should be provided through its regular budget funds.

Of those who have been invited to make up the mission, the following have definitely accepted: E. D. Head, Fort Worth; Clifton J. Allen, Nashville; Ellis A. Fuller, Louisville; Duke K. McCall, Nashville; W. A. Criswell, Dallas; Roand Q. Leavell, New Orleans; Louie D. Newton, Atlanta; C. Oscar Johnson, St. Louis; E. Norfleet Gardner, Henderson, N. C.; Vernon B. Richardson, Baltimore; John L. Slaughter, Birmingham; Lawson H. Cooke, Memphis; and Clyde V. Hickerson, Richmond.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCH

By REV. LEON V. YOUNG

Called and accepted:

A. B. Allen, Riverside, Fort Myers, Fla. from Olive Church, Pensacola, Fla.
 L. B. Garner, Calvary, Pensacola, Fla.

J. A. O. Russell, First, Bastrop, La. from Parkview, Eldorado, Ark.
 David Homan, West End, Gadsden, Ala.

W. B. Huntsberry, Baker, La. from California.

L. A. Rowell, Bethel, Livingston, La. from Maurepas.

W. L. Pitts, Stony Fork Church from Locust Church, Starfield, N. C.

Kenneth Archer, Trinity Church, Rowan Association from Pine Ridge.

Fred Stumpp, First, Brownfield, Texas, from Grande Avenue, Gainesville.

Lonnie H. Webb, First, Rush, Texas, from Fort Neches, Texas.

Jean M. Greer, Chesterfield, S. C. from First, Hawkinsfield, Ga.

Milton H. Pope, Greensboro, Ala., from Associate State Training Union Secretary.

B. B. Powers, First, Waynesboro, Tenn. from Mt. Juliet.

William M. Grogan, First, Greenville, Tenn.

J. Joyce Brooks, First, Albemarle, N. C., from Roxboro.

Earnest Lilley, Westside, Natchitoches, La., from Emmanuel, Mansfield, La.

W. E. Davis, Briarwood Church, Chestnut, La., from Pleasant Grove, La.

B. E. Simmons, First, Okemak, Okla. from First, Sileam Springs, Ark.

Lee Hibbard, Sharon, Okla. from Jefferson.

Charles Halbrook, Belle, Missouri from Unionville.

L. A. Powell, Bethel, La., from Maurepas.

R. Allen Brickey, Bloomburg, Tex. from Ida, La.

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From The Heart Of A Girl

By HAL BOYLE

New York—There is a great and growing religious revival in America.

Significantly, it is spreading widely among the youth of our postwar generation, the generation that is usually a prey to doubt, disillusion and cynicism.

Recently I received a letter from one of these young people—Miss Josephine Owens of West Helena, Ark.—that told of the happiness her awakened faith had brought her.

Her letter was simply written, artlessly sincere, fervent with a desire to help others. She said I could give her letter to a wider audience if I wanted to, "because it is so important that people wake up."

And so I will. Here is one girl's Lenten sermon—an old message from a young and zealous heart:

"Oh, if I could get everyone to become a Christian, what a blessing it would be—for them!"

"I used to worry continually about money matters, the hydrogen bomb, etc. Now those things aren't important at all. Only God is important in my life. I only want to live so that I can serve Him. He will keep me from harm—and also anyone else who will believe in Him and trust and have faith.

"God has made me a 'fisher of men'. My purpose now is to win others for Him. But people are hard. They don't want to know about God. But once they do, then they see what they have been missing.

"God does many things for men which they take for granted. Think of the air, the sun and the rain, the clothes we wear, the food we eat—and so many, many other things. God makes all these possible, but people take them for granted. If they don't get them they raise all kinds of Cain about the senators, the president and the governors—when, if it weren't for God's good hand, these things would never even be.

"Think how wonderful He has been to America! We don't have a war-torn country like Europe and Asia. We have just about every possible comfort and joy, and yet we turn our backs on the Saviour.

"You say it is difficult to be a Christian? Well, dear people, once the loving Saviour has truly touched your hearts, you won't want to do wrong. You will only want to do the Lord's will.

"The other day I asked a poor, crippled negro man who was begging on the street, 'Are you a Christian?' and he replied, 'Yes'm, for 40 years.' Just think, that poor soul, crippled and having to beg for a living, giving 40 years to Christ!

"Once people know Christ they never want to leave Him. There is so much He can do for you—if you will only let Him. He is more important than anything or anybody. And the sooner people find this out, the better off they will be.

"Oh, dear people, wake up! Know and accept Christ as your Saviour. Give your heart to Him. Serve Him and He will truly bless you. Repent of your sins, believe in Him, obey His will and you will receive a greater joy

Czech Gov't. To Oust Foreign Missionaries

PRAGUE—(RNS)—All American missionaries are shortly to be ordered out of Communist-dominated Czechoslovakia, according to a notification received here by the American Embassy from the Czech Foreign Ministry. Similar action, it is presumed, will also be taken soon in the case of missionaries from other nations.

An official of the American Embassy said the notification stated that "all American missionaries are going to be required to leave at a very early date."

The action, it was stated, will apply to missionaries of all faiths, and will be ordered under provisions of the new church control laws which prescribe that all practicing clergymen in Czechoslovakia must be natives, take an oath of allegiance to the government, and receive their salaries from the State.

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Chinese Group Warns Of Red Persecution

Taipei, Formosa—(RNS)—Thirty Chinese Protestant and Roman Catholic churchmen and missionaries issued an open letter here to Christians in America warning that "there will be no place whatsoever for the Christian churches" in Communist-controlled China.

The letter was made public at a press conference attended by a group of American newspaper correspondents visiting Formosa.

The Chinese Christian group comprised Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, Methodists, Seventh-Day Adventists, Baptists, as well as members of the Church of the Nazarene, independent mission groups, and the Chinese YMCA and YWCA.

Bearing "greetings in Jesus' Name from Free China," the open letter read:

"The Christian churches in China are facing the greatest crisis in their history. We are moved by the Holy Spirit and the love of Christ to write this letter to you through your delegation of 23 correspondents and reporters.

"Some of us have fled here from Communist China. All witnesses and information from behind the Iron Curtain indicate that there will be no place whatsoever for the Christian churches. Freedom and truth must go together.

The letter concluded with the list of the thirty signers, who described themselves as "members of the Body of Christ."

However, it admonished: "Kindly withhold these signatures when making this letter public, because many of us have family members and friends in occupied China. The publishing or handling of their names to improper readers might mean the lives of our kin and friends."

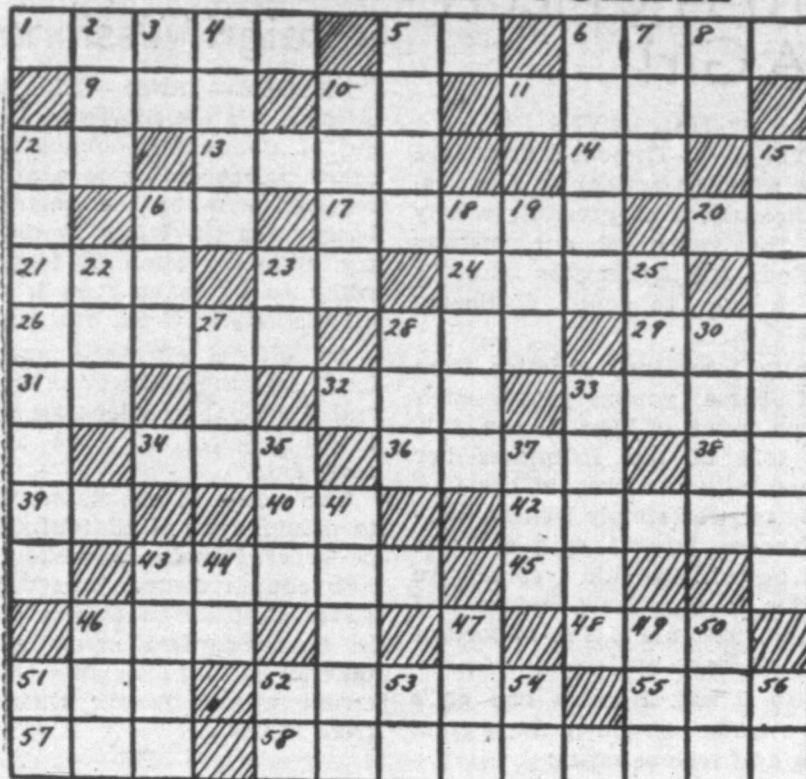
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"At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"—Matt. 18:1

JESUS SHOWS THE DISCIPLES WHO IS GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

HORIZONTAL

- 1 Finale of a musical composition (pl.)
 - 5 "Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth . . ." Luke 9:48
 - 6 and 11 " . . . was it . . . ye disputed" Mark 9:33
 - 10 "And . . . took a child" Mark 9:36
 - 11 See 6 across
 - 12 Grand Tyler
 - 13 "and went forth to . . . him" John 12:13
 - 14 "If the salt have lost his saltiness, wherewith will ye season . . ." Mark 9:50
 - 16 "the same . . . greatest" Matt. 18:4
 - 17 "done it unto one of the . . . of these my brethren" Matt. 25:40
 - 20 "not say in their hearts, . . . so would we have it" Ps. 35:25
 - 21 Printer's measure (pl.)
 - 23 Natural force
 - 24 Leaves
 - 26 "disputed . . . themselves" Mark 9:34
 - 28 "He that heareth . . ." Luke 10:16
 - 29 "and servant of . . ." Mark 9:35
 - 31 Topographical Engineer
 - 32 "shall not be taken away from . . ." Luke 10:42
 - 33 City or town in South Africa
 - 34 "called . . . twelve" Mark 9:35
 - 36 and 30 down "the . . . shall be . . . of all" Mark 9:35
 - 38 Senior
 - 39 "Let your light . . . shine" Matt. 5:16
 - 40 Right Guard
 - 42 Egg-shaped
 - 43 "Whosoever . . . receive one of such children" Mark 9:37
 - 45 "If any man desire to . . . first" Mark 9:35
 - 46 Whirlwinds off the Faroe Islands
 - 48 "many knew him, and . . . afoot thither" Mark 6:33
 - 51 Girl's name
 - 52 "whosoever will be . . . among you, shall be your minister" Mark 10:43
 - 55 Cloth broom for scrubbing
 - 57 "and . . . him in the midst of them" Mark 9:36
 - 58 "Then there arose a . . . among them" Luke 9:46
- A saying of Jesus is 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 26, 28, 29, 34, 36, 43, 45, and 52 combined.

VERTICAL

- 2 "how . . . shall by brother sin against me" Matt. 18:21
- 3 "What shall we . . ." John 18:21
- 4 "and when he had taken him in his . . . he said" Mark 9:36
- 5 "With what measure ye . . . it shall be measured to you" Mark 4:24
- 6 "his raiment was . . ." Luke 9:29
- 7 Head covering

- 8 "he was sad . . . that saying" Mark 10:22
- 10 "But they . . . their peace" Mark 9:34
- 12 "Who is the . . ." Matt. 18:1
- 15 "and become as little . . ." Matt. 18:3
- 16 Combining form signifying equality
- 18 Public square of an ancient Greek city
- 19 French copper coin
- 22 Madame
- 23 King of Bashan Num. 21:33
- 25 "And he . . . down" Mark 9:35
- 27 Nahum
- 28 Yea
- 30 See 36 across
- 33 "and . . . the wicked" Matt. 13:49
- 36 Age
- 37 Crowd
- 41 A bright dazzling light
- 43 "receiveth him that . . . me" Luke 9:48
- 44 Here lies (L.)
- 46 "whoso shall receive . . . such little child" Matt. 18:5
- 47 when he . . . gone forth" Mark 10:17
- 49 Servant of Solomon Ezra 2:57
- 50 Not
- 51 "love thy neighbor . . . thyself" Matt. 19:19
- 52 Grain
- 53 Babylonian Deity
- 54 "Suffer the little children . . . come unto me" Mark 10:14
- 56 Portuguese

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St. Louis Baptists Plan Joint Building Fund For Churches

The 56 Baptist churches of St. Louis have agreed to establish a joint revolving loan fund to enable them to build new churches or other buildings for their congregations.

The announcement was made by the Rev. J. Edwin Hewlett, pastor of Southwest Baptist Church who is chairman of the committee in charge of the new fund. He said all the churches had agreed to give 1 per cent of the income to the fund in the current year and 2 per cent in each of the next nine years.

Through this 10-year plan, it is hoped to establish a \$500,000 fund from which individual churches may borrow without interest to increase their facilities for their congregations, the Rev. Mr. Hewlett said.

Editor's note: The Rev. Mr. Hewlett is a Mississippian and a graduate of Mississippi College and of the Southern Seminary.

Petal-Harvey Breaks Ground For Pastorium



Shown above are the members of the Petal-Harvey Church, in Lebanon Association, who attended the recent ground-breaking services for the new pastorium. O. R. Armstrong, chairman of the deacons, is holding the shovel. Next is H. K. McLemore, Pastor Sam Waggener, W. H. Clearman, Fred Wilson, the deacons Alton Clark and Pat Rogers. Mr. Clearman is chairman of the Pastorium Committee and Mr. McLemore and Mr. Wilson are members of the committee.

Our Readers Write

Dear Bro. Goodrich:

How long was Jesus in the grave?

A writer in The Record of May 18, page 4, col. 1 said "I am under the impression that the Bible teaches that our Lord was in the grave three days and three nights."

To which you reply, "Jesus was buried on Friday afternoon and rose on Sunday morning."

Let Jesus speak. Read Matt. 12:40 "As Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

Could he have said plainer?

Your explanation about calling parts of days as whole days is exactly with nearly all writers of S. S. literature but that does not get the three nights and Jesus stresses the three nights as much as he stresses the three days. We have as much right to omit the three days as to omit the nights.

I taught an adult S. S. Class many years and this question came up every Easter Sunday. I wrote many Bible students for an explanation and got many replies (including Hight C. Moore's) but never was fully satisfied as to who was right.

Some one said Jesus was buried Thursday and, to count time as it is in the first chapter of Genesis, we have Thursday evening and Friday morning is one day and night, Friday evening and Saturday morning is two days and two nights and Saturday evening and Sunday morning is three days and three nights. I am not saying that is the way it should be counted. But that would get the three days and three nights as spoken of in Matt. 12:40 by Jesus.

My answer is "I don't know. But I do know how Jesus said it." I wanted to teach my class just exactly as Jesus taught it.

Yours for the truth,
J. L. WILLIAMS

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

I liked your reply to the one that had felt unkindly toward you a few years ago but since has removed any trace of ill feelings. I have always felt that a true Christian has no ill feelings towards anyone and if I am wrong I would like to be corrected. Christian people love the Lord and anyone cannot love the Lord and hold ill feelings toward his fellow man.

Of course, Christians are mistreated sometimes, but they must forgive just as Christ forgives us.

H. A. SMITH

Just to call your attention to a little mistake on the signatures of the resolutions sent in re Brother R. B. Patterson, as published in last week's Baptist Record. The names signed to the resolutions are: W. L. Mounce, moderator of

Toledo Churches See Return To Religion

Toledo, O. — (RNS) — There's a noticeable return to religion in the Toledo area in recent months. The upsurge varies from an increase in the "saw-dust trail" type of evangelism to greater reading of religious literature.

In fact, that familiar "see you in church" really means something these days. For example, 95 per cent of the Methodist churches noted increased Sunday School attendance. Many persons who never before have shown concern for religious activities are supporting missionary projects and taking part in other aspects of the church program, according to the pastor of Collingwood Presbyterian church. Attendance at Ashland Ave. Baptist church is the highest in a decade. A survey by parish pastors indicated 85 per cent of the Catholics attended Mass on an average Sunday recently. Increased interest in synagogue services has been evidenced.

New church members evidenced a religious rebirth. The Rev. C. Clark Shedd, executive secretary of the Toledo Council of Churches, said reports from 75 of the 22 churches showed they received 3,388 new members last year. During the first quarter of 1950, a total of 1,670 persons, or nearly one-half of the 1949 figure, joined these churches.

the association (not Monroe); T. M. Wingo (not D. N.). The others are all e. k.

H. H. WARD

Please publish the above article in next week's issue of the Baptist Record. If impossible to put in then put in as soon as you can.

Comment: This refers to an event that took place three weeks previous to the receipt of the article. Our reply was, "If you could wait three weeks to send it in, we can wait another week to publish it."



Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell
For June Fourth

HABAKKUK TEACHES TRUST IN GOD. Texts, Habakkuk 1:1-13; 2:1-4; 3:17-19.

I. A MAN WHO BELONGED TO HIS TIMES

"Habakkuk" means "embracing", and may have been acquired by him because of the tenacity with which he clung to God. To do that is easy enough when God is popular with the people and all things—material things, social things, economic things are moving prosperously but you let trouble threaten, or war waged by a powerful enemy appear imminent, or crops be burned by the drouth, the stock starve and the waters fall, and in the midst of the fiery trials, you may learn who the really devout people in the community are.

Habakkuk was of the breed whose members cling the closer to God the wilder walks the howling tempest. Just who he was we do not certainly know. Scholars tell us that his prophecy in the original is a composition of rare and exquisite beauty. We may guess that he held some position about the temple, enabling him to become acquainted with the order of worship for the third chapter, a beautiful Hebrew poem, is marked for use as a hymn in the temple service.

His were wicked times. Oh! well! So are many times! Which of you has not heard someone declare, with every evidence of sincerity and in tone of infinite regret, that the people of this age are incomparably bad. Why, the pa's and ma's of this generation have quit giving any attention to the nurture and discipline of their children and have gone about to see how near they can come to playing the very devil. Such accusations are common and almost always they are justified, and why? The people have forsaken Jehovah.

That is the cause, the only cause in place or time for state of unusual wickedness. Have you anywhere or anywhere read the sorrowful story of the decline unto utter degradation of a people and wondered why that people became degraded? Read the story of stout old Elijah, the prophecies of Amos and Habakkuk and you will find a disgusting catalogue of wicked acts and practices among the people, every one of which came as the result of a turning away from God.

II. A MAN WHO UTTERED THE CRY OF THE TROUBLED HEART

"How shall I cry, O' Jehovah, and thou wilt not hear?" How many millions of times this cry pierced the atmosphere of earth! Wickedness has become bold, sin has become rampant, vice has flouted her scarlet trappings insolently in the face of God and man. God's few faithful ones have watched the growth of godlessness and now when ruin is in the act of swallowing up the remnant of the good, why is the avenging hand of God withholding its strike? "Careless seems the great avenger." History's pages but record one death grapple in the darkness, between the forces of evil and of good, and evil has the upper hand.

Added to this condition as a domestic and national problem, there lowers an angry cloud of threatened foreign war, surcharged with the glowering menace of national destruction, apparently suspending for only a brief time a bloody flood of disaster that shall overwhelm the world as we know it under a deluge of desolation, boundless, timeless, O when, if ever Thou wilt, dear God, wilt Thou end this time of terrible anxiety and suffering for those who love Thee. And ever the answer of the ancient prophets rings above the mutterings of the threat-



Fairchilds Ordained At Moselle Church

Rev. Elvin Fairchilds Jr., was ordained to the full ministry of the gospel by the Memorial Church in Moselle on May 27.

A council composed of ministers and deacons examined the candidate as to his qualifications for ordination. Rev. J. N. Holoway, pastor, served as moderator and R. V. Lindley was secretary of the council. Following the examination the ordination service was held.

Those participating in the service were Pastor Holoway; Rev. Garland McInnis, pastor of River Avenue Church, Hattiesburg; Rev. T. J. Ferrell and the Rev. Cherry, both of Hattiesburg.

Mr. Fairchilds has accepted a call to the Orchard church near Mobile. He has a wife and a two-year-old daughter.

He attended Clarke College, Mississippi Southern College, and is a veteran of World War II.

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ST. PAUL, MINN. — (RNS) — PLANS for the sending of 500 new missionaries into the rural areas of Japan are being developed by the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade, which has international headquarters here.

ened storm. There is something worse thirsty grounds and famished cattle and wheels of industry that whirl no more and strikes and lockouts and the threat, yea, the reality of imminent war. A race of men led by the leash of the devil in everlasting bondage in the Stygian darkness of a despair that has no hope, of a night that has no morning.

"But the enemy about to strike is deceitful above all reckoning and desperately wicked." Is that the only sort of scourge under which God's people will respect correction? Then God will use it again! And by no means the first time.

III. THE REWARD OF THE FAITHFUL HEART

"I will rejoice in Jehovah, I will joy in the God of my salvation, Jehovah, the Lord, is my strength." He who finds in the heart of God goal of his life's endeavors, he who finds his home in the bosom of the everlasting, knows a peace that passes all understanding, knows that it is not in the power of all of Xerxes' hosts nor the banded might of Stalin's crimson cohorts to quench his immortality of shake his trust in God. "What though the heathen rage and the people imaging a vain thing?" Shall not Jehovah, now a salways, laugh them to scorn and hold them in derision?

What the threat of Him and His of the marshaling here a fthe petty power of some proud, puffed-up, parading, poor, pitiable potentate whom the broom of time will sweep into the oblivion of trashcan within the brief space of half a century! "Truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne. Yet that scaffold sways the future, and behind the dim unknown standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above His own." Don't let us forget that! He that keepeth His faithful ones will not slumber; He that keeps watch and ward over His beloved will never sleep.

Baptist Radio Hour Drops Three Stations

The Mississippi Baptist Radio Committee met in the Baptist Building on Thursday afternoon, May 25. It was found that the Mississippi Baptist Radio program was costing more than the budget was providing. However, due to the fact that all of the funds for the last year had not been used, the program was not over-spent. The Mississippi Baptist Radio program is supported by part of the profits of the Baptist Record and 1 per cent from the Cooperative Program.

The committee voted to discontinue three stations: WSLI, Jackson; West Point, and Picayune.

It was also voted, "to discontinue sending out printed copies of the sermon and to discontinue answering various questions that were being sent in by the readers.

The committee expressed its appreciation of the work of Rev. A. L. Gatewood who has given much time to the Radio Program.

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Leavell To Lead In Indianola Revival

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president of the New Orleans Theological Seminary, will be the visiting evangelist in a revival at the First Church, Indianola, June 4-11. Services will be held daily at 10 a. m. and at 8 p. m. Music will be under the direction of Dr. W. Hines Sims, associate director of the Department of Music of the Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Rev. David T. Cranford is the pastor.

Many friends of Dr. Leavell and Dr. Sims will want to take advantage of this opportunity to attend the meeting.

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EASTERN BAPTIST SEMINARY AT Philadelphia reports a gift of \$325,000 from Mrs. George W. Doane.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD AND the Executive Committee will both have meetings in Nashville June 14.

W. L. McELROY

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom saw fit to remove from our midst our beloved brother and fellow churchman, Brother W. L. McElroy on the date of April 30, 1950, and

WHEREAS, he has served our church for a period of more than twenty years as a deacon, as church treasurer and as a member of the Finance Committee and as a leader in many other activities, and

WHEREAS, he was a man of deep spirituality and profound thinking both of which had an unquestionable effect on the people he worked with, and

WHEREAS, the entire membership of the Church feels its keen loss in the passing of our beloved brother.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That in the death of Brother McElroy, the First Baptist Church of Columbus lost a great leader and the community a true Christian gentleman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the Board of Deacons, the minutes of the church, that they be printed in the Evangel and that a copy be sent to the family of Mr. McElroy and to the Baptist Record in Jackson.

Committee:

A. T. HOWARD

JOHN B. JACOB

ALLEN B. PUCKETT

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MITSUO FUCHITA, FORMER CAP-tain in the Japanese navy, who was commanding officer of the 360 planes that attacked Pearl Harbor, has accepted Christ.

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Answers To Crossword Puzzle

WANTED!! 500 Consecrated Christians

To answer this desperate plea for a ministry that is getting results. The cry of hungry hearts for the message of salvation and the call of broken homes and lives for the peace that only God can give, affords opportunity to 500 consecrated Christians to do a work that will be a monument to Christian service.

10,000 requests come each month to the Mississippi Baptist Hour for copies of radio messages. The Mississippi Baptist Hour does not have funds to take care of this great need. Yet, the challenge must be met and the requests answered. Every sermon copy mailed means added emphasis to this Gospel Radio Ministry.

The MEMORIAL BAPTIST PRESS has assumed full responsibility for the distribution of these Gospel Messages. This organization is a non-profit institution dedicated to the propagation of the Gospel in and through aid to local churches. Thus, the opportunity for 500 consecrated Christians.

The only answer to this great challenge is for 500 Christians over the state to bind themselves together to do the job. 500 contributing at least \$1.00 each month will mean hundreds saved and thousands on the road to spiritual happiness. Broken homes will be mended, lives will be salvaged and God's Word will be distributed.

Since we want to send out membership cards and also monthly bulletins to give an account of the work, we must limit the membership to 500. The first 500 that answer will be given preference in membership. Remember—only \$1.00 each month or \$10.00 for one year and you will be a member of a group doing one of the greatest pieces of work that men can lend their talents to do.

Send your contribution today and be sure to enclose your name and address. Send as a designated gift through the office of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board - Jackson, Mississippi.

Remember! We cannot answer the mail of tomorrow unless we hear from you today. There are souls lost and dying between your opportunity of this moment and our distribution of God's Word tomorrow. Your decision now means the salvation of these souls or their damnation. Please!! Please!! Help us to help them.

Poplar Springs Dr. Plans Revival June 4



REV. EARL BELL

Rev. Thomas Earl Halsell of Louisville, Kentucky, will conduct the fifth annual youth-sponsored revival at the Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian, June 4-11. The theme will be "Life on God's Level."

Opening service will be held at the regular Sunday morning hour, other services to follow each night at 8 p. m.

Special singer for the meeting will be the Rev. Earl Bell, assistant pastor and music director of the First Church at West Point, assisted by Miss Jane Martin, organist and chairman of the church's special music committee for the revival.

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Educational Fund Authorized By SBC

The working orders of Jesus to His followers are found in these words: "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them—and teaching them—" In other words it is the business of every Christian to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth.

The Lord does not call all to be preachers and missionaries in the same sense that He calls some. Yet we must have those who are specially called.

Many who are called are from families whose possessions are such that they cannot pay the cost of an education. Thus, the Southern Baptist Convention at its meeting in Chicago passed a motion instructing the Southern Baptist Foundation to create a trust, the income from which is to be used to help worthy ministerial students.

This fund would be perpetual and the income would be helping train young men and young women just as long as Southern Baptists operate. Can you think of a better opportunity to help to carry out the orders of our Lord?

Gifts may be in any amount. Checks should be made payable to the Southern Baptist Foundation, 127 9th Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee.

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ARTURO TOSCANINI WAS INTERRUPTED with a question about his concert while he was observing Mount Shasta on his recent musical tour of the West. "Don't speak of concerts now," Mr. Toscanini said, "Man is small—you and I and Goethe and Wagner are nothing compared with this."

Don't Waste Our Substance In Riotous Building

By LAWSON H. COOKE

Southwide Brotherhood Secretary

One can hardly go twenty-five miles along any highway today without coming across a new church building, and we are not at all against new church buildings. We believe they should be as fine as the resources of the people will permit. Nor are we opposed to debt. We are, however, convinced that it is unwise to assume mortgages that could easily handicap the future ministry of the church.

Let's face the facts: It will cost five thousand dollars a year to carry a hundred thousand dollar mortgage at five per cent. If the mortgage is to be paid off in ten years, ten thousand dollars will be required annually to retire the debt. Of course, the interest would be reduced by the regular payments on the principal. But it would mean an outlay of between ten thousand and fifteen thousand dollars every year for ten years, and this would have to come out of current receipts. This could become very monotonous, maybe burdensome, and might seriously impair the missionary zeal of the church.

With the present confused economic situation—no one knowing what next month, to say nothing of next year, will bring forth—a church is taking a great risk in assuming a debt of more than twenty-five per cent of the total cost of construction.

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President Truman To Address B.W.A.

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—President Truman said here he would accept an invitation to speak at the eighth congress of the Baptist World Alliance in Cleveland on July 22 if his work will permit it.

He received the invitation from a committee of Baptists from Cleveland who visited him in his office at the White House.

The delegation was headed by Dr. D. R. Sharpe, executive secretary of the Cleveland Baptist Association, who is chairman of the congress committee on arrangements. Mayor Thomas Burke of Cleveland accompanied him.

The President, himself a Baptist, told the visitors that "without the spiritual and moral values that are essential to a democracy, we can't make the grade to peace."

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Urges Baptists Step Up Work In Japan

Boston — (RNS) — The Japanese people are eager to know about the religion of those who conquered them, the Rev. Elmer A. Fridell, foreign secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, declared at the annual session of the Northern Baptist Convention here.

"Japan presents the greatest opportunity for the spread of Christianity of any place in the world today," he said.

"Last year, 40,000 Japanese came into membership in the Christian churches—Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox and Protestant. The greatest number in any previous year was 15,000."

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J. W. BLACK, STATE MISSION SECRETARY in Kentucky from 1933 to 1945 died May 14 in Covington, Ky.

Christ or Chaos

By

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So recently declared the eminent statesman and noble Christian, Lloyd George, of England, when prophesying the outcome of present conditions, of the whole world; and his strong words have echoed far and wide. "Babylon," said the Word of God three thousand years ago, "hath been the golden urn which hath made all the nations drunk, therefore the nations are mad" Jeremiah 5:7.

Is world history repeating itself? Are we to have again the day when ancient Assyria and queenly Persia and classical Greece and imperial Rome went down, first, into decadence and then, into death? No truer words were ever penned than these: "And Judas went out and it was night"—not only darkness in the realm of nature, but also, and especially, in a human soul! It is always night when an individual or nation forgets God. And who with any clarity and breadth of vision fails to see that humanity as a whole has forgotten God? This old world of ours is at present confessedly and conspicuously upside down, and can be and eventually will be brought right-side up.

The winter of discontent reigns here and everywhere. People across the sea are restless and inflammable, revolutionary in spirit and war-like in attitude and in purpose. Even in our fair and favored America millions are hopeless in a land which ought to be the hope of humanity and millions more breadless in a commonwealth of boundless resources and of matchless opportunity. And more and more than all this, the forces of evil are multiplying side by side with the forces of good; in our Republic today gigantic wrongs which threaten even the life of our glorious patrimony.

Just here—a far better than the present writer can express it—let there be quoted from a gifted thinker of our day: "The whole world is unsettled, unstable, uncertain—seeking satisfactions in strange ways, seeking place and stability of processes that can do nothing else than bring discord and failure."

Let mankind accept as the soul's Magna Carta the Sermon on the Mount with its matchless presentation of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. If there be the socialization of the Spiritual, let there also be the Spiritualization of the social. A Christianized Socialism can alone meet and master all of our present-day maladjustments; and for the reason that an un-Christian socialization generally ends in an "ism"—a communism socialism.

A recently published work has pointed out most logically that the message of Christ Jesus is clearly differentiated from all the schemes of social amelioration and yet takes up into itself and fulfills the essential truths of all of them, at the same time, supplying what sociology generally lacks, namely, a dynamic principle which human nature and social organization alike demand if a noble ideal be actualized.

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PAYNES CHURCH HAD A WEEK-END Youth Revival May 25-28 with Rev. Hyran Barefoot, of Goss and the New Orleans Seminary, doing the preaching. There was one profession of faith and numerous re-dedications. Paynes Church is enjoying one of the best years of its history. C. L. Roland is pastor.

Prayer Movement Grows In Columbus Schools

Columbus, O.—(RNS)—A spontaneous, student-sponsored spiritual movement has developed in this city's public school system during the last six months.

At least twice-weekly, several hundred students of six high and junior high schools meet of their own volition at their respective schools to hold prayer meetings before beginning their school day.

"We feel the need for spiritual uplift," explains 16-year-old Jerry Witherspoon, one of the students. "We feel that the only salvation for the world is through religion. Anyone who can read a newspaper can see that every other method of bringing peace to the world is failing."

To Jerry, a crack track athlete and son of a local minister, is credited the launching of the movement which has spread throughout the school system since last September.

His personal inspiration for the "before school" prayer meetings came as a result of a summer visit to New York City and his chance conversation with a high school youth who told him that some students of his school had banded together to hold prayer meetings daily.

When Jerry returned home, he told several of his friends of his conversation with the New York boy. The group, about five boys, decided they too would meet together for prayer.

The boys approached a pastor of a church near their school and told him of their desire to meet daily before school. The pastor agreed that they could use his church. But difficulties were encountered when cold weather set in.

Finally, they decided to approach their school principal, Irvin F. Young, of West High School. "You can't turn down a youngster when he's trying to improve himself spiritually," Mr. Young said.

Soon, other students in the school joined the worshipers.

"We didn't have any membership drives," Jerry said. "We just told the kids in our classes about the meetings, and said they were welcome to join us. We have not tried to talk anyone into coming to our meetings. The entire move has been voluntary."

Jerry himself was called upon by youth organizations and churches to tell about the movement.

Today, there are groups, all known as "The HI-BA—High School Born Againers" in Central, East and Linden-McKinley high schools and Roosevelt and Startling junior high schools as well as in West high school.

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Qualifications Of A Preacher

Toronto—(RNS)—On the bulletin board of the Toronto Baptist Seminary appeared the following notice:

WANTED: a young preacher—with the experience of a parrot, the sagacity of an owl, the strength of an eagle, the grace of a swan, the gentleness of a dove, the friendliness of a sparrow; up with the lark, at work with the hawk, and when they get him caged they expect him to live on the feed of a canary.